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Sh. Rajinder Kumar (9646380671)

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

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o EO, MC, Mansa

First Appellate Authority

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

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1371 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Rajinder Kumar, the appellant
(ii) Sh. Gian Chand, Clerk of the respondent.

ORDER

1. This is with reference to earlier dated: 17.11.2021 wherein respondent PIO, O/o EO, MC, Mansa was 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. The matter was adjourned to 26.5.2022.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that the information has not been supplied by the respondent department.
3. Respondent is present and he states that information has been prepared and will be given by tomorrow.
4. After hearing both sides and examining the case file, respondent PIO, Sh. Tarun Kumar is directed to supply the information immediately with a copy to the Commission along with reply to show cause notice (issued on 17.11.2021) via mail on priority as it affects the disposal of the case. He is also directed to represent this case on the next date of hearing. A copy of this case be sent to him by name through registered post for his ready reference.
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 **06.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

(Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632).

Dated: 26.05.2022

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

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**Sh. Tarun Kumar (Public Information Officer)
O/o EO, MC, Mansa**

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Appellant

Versus

Show-Cause

Public Information Officer(By Name)

(Regd. Post) O/o EO, MC, Sardulgarh

First Appellate Authority

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

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1370 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Rajinder Kumar, the appellant
(ii) Nobody on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

- 1 This is with reference to earlier dated: 17.11.2021 vide which PIO was directed to supply the point-wise reply/information as per RTI application to the appellant within fifteen days after receipt of the order under intimation to the Commission. The matter was adjourned to 26.05.2022. A copy of previous order along with RTI application was sent to the respondent PIO by name through registered post.
- 2 In today's hearing, appellant states that the unreadable information (01 point) and incomplete information (02 point) has been supplied by the respondent department.
- 3 Respondent PIO is absent in spite of being aware about the date of hearing.
- 4 In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o EO, MC, Sardulgarh is directed to show cause** in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.
In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.
- 5 After hearing both sides and examining the case file, respondent PIO is directed to supply the information immediately with a copy to the Commission along with reply to show cause notice issued to him today via mail on priority as it affects the disposal of the case. He is also directed to represent this case on the next date of hearing. A copy of this case be sent to him by name through registered post for his ready reference.
- 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 **06.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Bhupinder Punj,(9915235055)

s/o Sh. Braham Prakash,

186, VPO Lohara, Ludhiana,

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Regional Transport Authority,

Patiala

First Appellate Authority

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb,

Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1475 of 2021

Heard through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

(i) Sh. Bhupinder Punj, the appellant in person.

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

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order of the Commission dated 17.11.2021 vide which appellant was absent. Respondent intimated the Commission that the information had already been supplied to the appellant. The case was adjourned to 26.5.2022.
2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present. The respondent, Sh. Harjit Singh, Clerk is present. He states that information has already been supplied to the appellant.
3. The appellant denies receipt of information.
4. After listening both the parties, the appellant is advised to contact the respondent and the respondent is directed to supply the information immediately under intimation to the Commission. The appellant is advised to point out the deficiency, if any, on its receipt with seven days and the respondent is also directed to remove the same within 7 days on receipt of the deficiency letter.
5. To come up on **06.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 26.05.2022

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Sh. Bhupinder Punj,(9915235055)

s/o Sh. Braham Prakash,
186, VPO Lohara, Ludhiana,

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala

First Appellate Authority

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb,
Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1477 of 2021

Heard through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Bhupinder Punj, the appellant in person.
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Harjit Singh, Clerk

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order of the Commission dated 17.11.2021 vide which appellant was absent. Respondent intimated the Commission that the information had already been supplied to the appellant. The case was adjourned to 26.5.2022.
2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present. The respondent, Sh. Harjit Singh, Clerk is present. He states that information has already been supplied to the appellant.
3. The appellant denies receipt of information.
4. After listening both the parties, the appellant is advised to contact the respondent and the respondent is directed to supply the information immediately under intimation to the Commission. The appellant is advised to point out the deficiency, if any, on its receipt with seven days and the respondent is also directed to remove the same within 7 days on receipt of the deficiency letter.
5. To come up on **06.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 26.05.2022

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Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan (9872220039)

H.No.78/8, Park Road,

Navi Mandi Dhuri,

Distt. Sangrur

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o A.D.G.P. (NRI Wing), Mohali

First Appellate Authority

O/o A.D.G.P. (NRI Wing), Mohali

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1579, 1580 of 2020

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present :

(i) Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, Appellant

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Sukhdeep Singh (HC) (9855680456).

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order dated 17.11.2021 respondent PIO was directed to supply the attested copy of duly attested to the appellant under intimation to the Commission. The matter was adjourned to 26.5.2022.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present. Appellant states that he is not satisfied with the supplied reply/information and request the Commission to intervene in the matter so that requisite information may be supplied to him.
3. Respondent, Sh. Sukhdeep Singh states that information had already been supplied to the appellant.
4. After discussing with both the parties and examining the case file, both the parties are advised to appear in person at Punjab State Information Commission on 30.05.2022 at 11:00 AM to clear the facts of this case, failing which case will be decided on merit basis. Sh. Sukhdeep Singh is also directed to bring the original record relate with both the present cases.
5. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **30.05.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 26.05.2022

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Sh. Balwinder Singh (9041722522)

H.No. 43, Street No.13/5,

Near Green Palace,

Bank Colony,

Bathinda.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post)

O/o Civil Lines, Police Station,
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority (By Name)

(Regd. Post)

O/o IGP Office, Bathinda.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4113 of 2020

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

(i) Sh. Varun Bansal Advocate on behalf of appellant

(ii) Nobody on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER:

1. This case was last heard on 17.11.2021 vide which final opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to file a reply to the Show Cause which was issued to him vide order dated 09.09.2021. He was also directed to supply the complete information within ten days after receipt of this order along with directions to appear in person on the next date of hearing. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 26.05.2022.
2. After going through the case file, it has been observed that appellant filed appeal in the Commission on 16.12.2020 and matter was fixed for hearing on 04.03.2021 vide which Sh. Karanjeet Singh (SHO, M:9463334860) stated that complaint filed by PUDA against the appellant is still pending. Respondent PIO was directed to supply proper reply/information to the appellant before the next date of hearing and matter was fixed for 22.04.2021.
3. On hearing held on 22.04.2021, respondent, Sh. Karanjeet Singh (SHO, M:9463334860) requested for an adjournment through telephonic call.

Representative of the appellant, Advocate, Varun Bansal stated that SHO called the appellant to appear in person and submit documents on 06.07.2021 in connection with written complaint filed by PUDA against the appellant but complaint was filed by PUDA on 17.07.2021. He further mentioned that respondent PIO supplied the earlier supplied information again which is not related with the demanded information in connection with complaint dated 06.07.2020.

He also added that on 06.07.2020, appellant visited the SHO office and demanded to show the written complaint filed by PUDA against him but complaint was not shown/supplied to him. Accordingly, appellant filed RTI application dated 16.07.2020 to the respondent's office to collect the copy of complaint and RTI application was received in the respondent's office on 17.07.2021. On the same date i.e. 17.07.2020, written complaint was filed by the PUDA against the appellant.

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Through CISCO WEBEX

It was also observed that no information has been supplied to the appellant till date by the respondent PIO. A final opportunity is afforded to the respondent PIO to supply the information within 07 days from the date of receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission. He was also directed to appear before the Commission on the next date fixed.

Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, failing which penal consequences shall follow.

A copy of this order was sent to **Sh. Karanjeet Singh (SHO)** through registered post for his ready reference.

The matter was fixed for 01.06.2021, which was not heard and further fixed for 09.09.2021.

4. On the hearings held on 09.09.2021, respondent PIO expressed his casual attitude towards the directions of the Commission, as he was absent. A Show Cause notice was issued to the respondent PIO by name. A copy of this order was also sent to the PIO and First Appellate Authority by name through registered post. Matter was fixed for further hearing on 17.11.2021.
5. On hearing held on 17.11.2021, it was observed that respondent, Sh. Karanjeet Singh (SHO, M:9463334860) is present on behalf of the department without any sufficient reply/information in this regard. One final opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to file a reply to the show cause which was issued to him vide order dated 09.09.2021. He was also directed to supply the complete requisite information within ten days after receipt of this order along with directions to appear in person on the next date of hearing, failing which consequences will be faced by the concerned respondent PIO as per RTI Act, 2005. A copy of this order be sent to him by name through registered post for his ready reference. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 26.05.2022 i.e. today.
6. In today's hearing Sh. Varun Bansal, Advocate appears on behalf of appellant and states that status is same as it was on the previous hearing even after the directions of the Hon'ble Commission.
7. Neither the respondent PIO is present nor did he file any reply in this regard despite being aware about the date of hearing. This shows the negligence of the Department as the department has not responded to the orders/complied of the Commission (04.03.2021, 22.04.2021, 09.09.2021 and 17.11.2021), neither to the directions of the Commission which was issued to the concerned PIO on the hearings held on and nor responded even to the show cause notice.

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Through CISCO WEBEX

8. Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representatives is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The respondent PIO has neither supplied the complete requisite information to the information seeker nor sent point-wise reply to the Appellant of his RTI request even after the directions were given by the Commission.
9. After looking at the conduct of the concerned respondent PIO and holding him guilty of violation under Section 20 (1) as per provisions of the RTI Act and for making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker, **a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer office of The Civil Lines, Police Station, Bathinda.**

A copy of this order be sent to the concerned PIO through registered post.

The amount of penalty will be deposited in the treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head .. 0070 -Other Administrative Services

Sub-Major Head .. 60 - Other Services

Minor Head .. 800 - Other Receipts

Sub-Head .. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005

Detailed Head .. 0070 Other Administrative Services

60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts

86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

And a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

- 10 Final opportunity is given to the Respondent PIO concerned to supply the point-wise information to the appellant and in case, if information is not available supply an affidavit in original as per queries raised in RTI application, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing, failing which disciplinary action would be recommended against the concerned PIO for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Applicant.
- 11 The First Appellate Authority i.e. The IGP Office, Bathinda to look into this matter and make sure that the orders of the Commission should be complied by the PIO concerned well in time and the PIO should appear on the next date of hearing at Punjab State Information Commission Office, Chandigarh (address and contact details of the office is given in the Header column of this order).

A copy of this order be sent to the PIO as well as FAA through registered post.

Appeal Case No.: 4113 of 2020
Through CISCO WEBEX

- 12 The Appellant is directed to confirm whether he has received the information/reply or not. Also, the Appellant is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

Appellant is on liberty either to attend hearing at PSIC Office, Chandigarh or through CISCO WEBEX Meeting (Meeting Number 1582933632).

- 13 This case is adjourned to **14.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** for further hearing. Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

Dated: 26.05.2022

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State Information Commissioner
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Sh. Ashok Kumar (9417295387)

s/o Sh. Roshan Lal,

R/o F7/250, Aarewali Street, Kashmir Avenue,
Amritsar.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner, MC,
Amritsar

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3702 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

(i) Appellant - present

(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with the previous orders dated 4.5.2022 vide which respondent PIO was absent and he was directed to supply the specified required information (as pointed out by the appellant on 24.03.2022) as per RTI application immediately without any fail. The matter was adjourned for further hearing on 26.5.2022 i.e. today. After the hearing was over, a call was received from Ms. Raj (Inspector, M: 9417606226) and she was apprised with the proceedings of previous hearing.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present and the respondent is absent again.
3. The appellant states that in spite of directions of the court; the respondent fails to supply the information.
4. Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representatives is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability, which is a sheer wastage of the precious time and resources of the Commission. It also affects the disposal of the case. A final opportunity is awarded to him/her to represent this case on the next date of hearing along with directions to comply with the previous order of the Commission dated 04.05.2022 within seven working days after receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission.

Respondent PIO is also directed to consider this opportunity as a final opportunity.

5. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **21.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Note: After the court the respondent, Ms. Raj (M: 9417606226) is called up phone and she was conveyed the directions of the court for compliance.

Dated: 26.05.2022

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
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**(Regd. Post) Sh. Punjab Singh Singh (8725935291)
S/o Sh. Satnam Singh
Vill Jiunpura, Tehsil Patran,
Distt. Patiala.**

Appellant

Versus

**(Regd. Post) Sh. Gurteg Singh (PIO-cum-BDPO)
O/o BDPO, Patran**

**First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Patiala**

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 630 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX**

Present: (i) Sh. Punjab Singh, the appellant (Phone).
(ii) Sh. Jasveer Singh (JA, M: 8873342247) and Sh. Manminder Singh (Panchayat Secy., M: 9464532368) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER:

1. Refer earlier order dated 28.4.2022 vide which both the parties were absent and final opportunity was given to the appellant to represent this case. Respondent PIO was also directed to file a written submission to the Notice of the Commission along with reply the show cause notice dated: 19.10.2021. He was also directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing. The case was adjourned to 26.5.2022 i.e. today.
2. After going through the case file, it is observed that on the first hearing held on dated 22.07.2021, both the parties were absent and matter was adjourned to 19.10.2021. Copy of order was sent to the parties by name through registered post.
3. On hearing held on 19.10.2021, appellant was present and stated that information is still pending. Respondent PIO was absent without any intimation and copy of this order was also sent to the parties by name through registered post.
4. On hearing held on 28.04.2022, both the parties were absent and a final opportunity was awarded to both the parties to represent this case on the next date of hearing and matter was adjourned to 26.05.2022. Copy of order was also sent to the parties by name through registered post.
5. In today's hearing, appellant, Sh. Punjab Singh intimates that status is same as it was on the previous hearing even after the directions of the Hon'ble Commission.
6. Respondent, Sh. Manminder Singh joined CISCO Meeting and states that the BDPO is with him to represent this case but he left the meeting without presenting the present case.
7. Sh. Jasveer Singh states that he is only presenting appeal case no. 614 of 2021 from the same department.

Appeal Case No.: 630 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

8. Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as neither the respondent PIO supplied information nor sent any intimation regarding his non-availability on the previous hearings even after the directions were given by the Commission. This shows the negligence of the Department as the department has not responded to the orders/complied of the Commission (22.07.2021, 19.10.2021 and 28.04.2022), neither to the directions of the Commission which was issued to the concerned PIO on the hearings held on and nor responded even to the show cause notice.
9. After looking at the conduct of the concerned respondent PIO and holding him guilty of violation under Section 20 (1) as per provisions of the RTI Act and for making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker, **a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer office of The BDPO, Patran, District Patiala.**

A copy of this order be sent to the concerned PIO through registered post.

The amount of penalty will be deposited in the treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head .. 0070 -Other Administrative Services

Sub-Major Head .. 60 - Other Services

Minor Head .. 800 - Other Receipts

Sub-Head .. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005

Detailed Head .. 0070 Other Administrative Services

60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts

86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

And a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

- 10 Final opportunity is given to the Respondent PIO concerned to supply the point-wise information to the appellant and in case, if information is not available supply an affidavit in original as per queries raised in RTI application, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission within seven working days after receipt of this order, failing which disciplinary action would be recommended against the concerned PIO for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Applicant.
- 11 The First Appellate Authority i.e. The DDPO, Patiala to look into this matter and make sure that the orders of the Commission should be complied by the PIO concerned well in time and the PIO should appear on the next date of hearing at Punjab State Information Commission Office, Chandigarh (address and contact details of the office is given in the Header column of this order).

A copy of this order be sent to the PIO as well as FAA through registered post.

Appeal Case No.: 630 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

- 12 The Appellant is directed to confirm whether he has received the information/reply or not. Also, the Appellant is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

Appellant is on liberty either to attend hearing at PSIC Office, Chandigarh or through CISCO WEBEX Meeting (Meeting Number 1582933632).

- 13 This case is adjourned to **21.07.2022.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** for further hearing. Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

Dated: 26.05.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner

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The DDPO (First Appellate Authority)
Patiala

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(Regd. Post) Smt. Sunehri Devi, (9988001180)
w/o late Sh. Chhajju Ram,
R/o Near Balmiki Mandir,
Samana 147101.

Appellant

Versus

(Regd. Post) Sh. Gurteg Singh (PIO-cum-BDPO)
O/o BDPO, Patran

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Patiala

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 614 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Rokcy Tayal on behalf of the appellant
(ii) Sh. Jasveer Singh (JA, M: 8873342247) and Sh. Manminder Singh (Panchayat Secy., M: 9464532368) on behalf of the respondent.

Order:

1. This order may be read with previous orders dated: 30.03.2022 vide which penalty amounting Rs. 5,000/- was imposed on the respondent PIO along with compensation amounting Rs. 5,000/- was awarded to the appellant for not supplying the information to the appellant and for not complying previous orders of the Commission dated 06.04.2021, 05.05.2021, 13.07.2021, 08.09.2021, 17.11.2021, 17.03.2022. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 26.05.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, Sh. Rokcy Tayal on behalf of the appellant states that some discrepancies have been pointed out but the same are not removed till date.
3. Sh. Jasveer Singh is present from the department but it is observed that concerned respondent PIO was called in person to represent this case today at Punjab State Information Commission Office, Chandigarh but respondent PIO/BDPO did not feel heed to the orders of the Commission.
4. Respondent, Sh. Manminder Singh joined CISCO Meeting and states that the BDPO is with him to represent this case but he left the meeting without presenting the present case. This attitude of the concerned respondent PIO is unavoidable and is totally sheer wastage of precious time and resources of the Commission.
5. In wake of above, penalty amounting Rs. 5,000/- (Five Thousand Only) which was imposed on the respondent PIO is enhanced to Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand Only). A copy of this order be sent to the concerned PIO through registered post.

The amount of penalty will be deposited in the treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head .. 0070 -Other Administrative Services

Sub-Major Head .. 60 - Other Services

Minor Head .. 800 - Other Receipts

Sub-Head .. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005

Detailed Head .. 0070 Other Administrative Services

60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts

86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

And a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

Appeal Case No.: 614 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

6. Final opportunity is given to the Respondent PIO concerned to supply the point-wise information to the appellant and in case, if information is not available supply an affidavit in original as per queries raised in RTI application, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission within seven working days after receipt of this order, failing which disciplinary action would be recommended against the concerned PIO for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Applicant.
7. The First Appellate Authority i.e. The DDPO, Patiala to look into this matter and make sure that the orders of the Commission should be complied by the PIO concerned well in time and the PIO should appear on the next date of hearing at Punjab State Information Commission Office, Chandigarh (address and contact details of the office is given in the Header column of this order).

A copy of this order be sent to the PIO as well as FAA through registered post.

- 14 The Appellant is directed to confirm whether he has received the information/reply or not. Also, the Appellant is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

Appellant is on liberty either to attend hearing at PSIC Office, Chandigarh or through CISCO WEBEX Meeting (Meeting Number 1582933632).

- 15 This case is adjourned to **21.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** for further hearing. Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

Dated: 26.05.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner

Regd. Post

The DDPO (First Appellate Authority)
Patiala

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Sh. Manjinder Singh (9872015069)

2469, Sunny Enclave,
Sector 125, Kharar,
Distt. Mohali 140301.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secy. Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy. Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur

Respondent

Appeal case No.: 592 of 2022

Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present:

(i) Sh. Manjinder Singh, the appellant.

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

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 25.10.2021 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 1.12.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 25.1.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for 26.05.2022 through CISCO WEBEX.
2. In today's hearing, respondent states that requisite information is voluminous in nature and a letter was sent to the appellant to visit for inspection of the record.
3. Appellant states that requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO since sufficient time has elapsed. He denied of receiving letter regarding visit. He adds that he is agree to pay the documentation fee for the demanded information.
4. After discussing with both the parties and examining the case file, both the parties are advised to mutual cooperation and fix the date for inspection. Respondent PIO is directed to make sure that he will be available on the fixed date and time to show the official record to the appellant as per RTI application. Respondent PIO is also directed to supply the identified pages as per RTI Act, 2005 within 15 days from today.
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. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **19.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 26.05.2022

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
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Sh. Yogesh Maini (9988758800)

s/o Late Sh. Kapil Bhushan Maini,
H.No.678/1, Prem Nagar,
Shiv Mandir Road,
Civil Lines, Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o RTA, Motor Vehicle Inspector,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal case No.: 591 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: (i) Sh. Yogesh Maini, the appellant.
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 11.8.2021 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 20.9.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 25.1.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for 26.05.2022 through CISCO WEBEX.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO since sufficient time has elapsed.
3. The respondent is absent in spite of knowing the date of hearing.
4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, respondent PIO is directed to supply the information with regard to RTI application to the appellant within 10 days from today. The appellant shall also intimate any ambiguity in the supplied information to the respondent as well as the Commission within 10 days from the receipt of information.
5. With aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **07.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties. **(Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632).**

Dated: 26.05.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Note: After the hearing was over a phone call was made today to Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, RTA, Ludhiana (M:9501475600) but his phone was switched off.

Dated: 26.05.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
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Sh. Sahil Arora (9814420462)

Guru Nanak Nagar,

A-593, Partap Nagar, G.T. Road,

Amritsar 143001.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Regional Transport Authority,

Amritsar

First Appellate Authority

O/o Regional Transport Authority,

Amritsar

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1447 of 2021

Heard through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

(i) Sh. Sahil Arora, the appellant.

(ii) Respondent: Absent.

ORDER

1. This case was last heard on 30.03.2022 vide which a show cause notice was issued to the concerned PIO with directions to supply the information to the Appellant by the next date of hearing. The matter was adjourned for further hearing on 26.5.2022.
2. In today's hearing, appellant, Sh. Sahil Arora states that he is not satisfied with the supplied reply which is received before the first hearing at the Hon'ble Commission.
3. On the other hand, respondent PIO is absent in spite of being aware about the date of hearing, which shows his non-seriousness towards the orders of the Commission passed by in the present case on hearings held on 10.08.2021, 17.11.2021, 17.03.2022 and 30.03.2022 even after issuing show cause (17.03.2022) and imposing penalty amounting Rs. 5,000/- (30.03.2022) on the concerned respondent PIO.
4. In wake of above, penalty amounting Rs. 5,000/- (Five Thousand Only) which was imposed on the respondent PIO is enhanced to Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand Only). A copy of this order be sent to the concerned PIO through registered post.

The amount of penalty will be deposited in the treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head .. 0070 -Other Administrative Services

Sub-Major Head .. 60 - Other Services

Minor Head .. 800 - Other Receipts

Sub-Head .. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005

Detailed Head .. 0070 Other Administrative Services

60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts

86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

And a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

Appeal Case No.: 1447 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

8. Final opportunity is given to the Respondent PIO to supply the point-wise information to the appellant and in case, if information is not available supply an affidavit in original as per queries raised in RTI application, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission within seven working days after receipt of this order, failing which disciplinary action would be recommended against the concerned PIO for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Applicant. **Respondent PIO is directed to appear in person at Punjab State Information Commission Office, Chandigarh on the next date of hearing.** A copy of this order be sent to him by name through registered post for his ready reference.
9. The Appellant is directed to confirm whether he has received the information/reply or not. Also, the Appellant is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

Appellant is on liberty either to attend hearing at PSIC Office, Chandigarh or through CISCO WEBEX Meeting (Meeting Number 1582933632).

10. With the aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **14.07.2022 at 11:00 AM**. Announced in the Court. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 26.05.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Note: After the hearing was over, a phone call was made to the respondent, Sh. Pardeep (Nodal Officer, M: 9814014044) by the undersigned Bench and he was apprised with the proceedings of this hearing.

Dated: 26.05.2022

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Sh. Manjinder Singh (9872015069)

2469, Sunny Enclave,

Sector 125, Kharar,

Distt. Mohali 140301.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secy. Regional Transport Authority,

Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy. Regional Transport Authority,

Ferozepur

Respondent

Appeal case No.: 593 of 2022

Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present:

(i) Sh. Manjinder Singh, the appellant.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Gurmit Singh

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 25.10.2021 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 1.12.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 25.1.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for 26.05.2022 through CISCO WEBEX.
2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present.
3. Appellant states that requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO since sufficient time has elapsed. He pointed out the deficiencies in the supplied information which is as under:

- Point no. 1- only numbers was provided to him.
- Point no. 2-only amount figure is received
- Point no. 3-called for inspection but deny providing the same.

Appellant also intimates that same information has already been supplied by the Jalandhar Office.

4. In view of version of the appellant, the respondent is directed to supply the information to the appellant within 15 days, which he assures to supply within 15 days from today.
5. Appellant is advised to point out deficiency within seven days after receipt of information as per RTI application, in writing to the respondent with a copy to the Commission, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard.
6. With the aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **12.07.2022 at 11:00 AM through CISCO WEBEX application**. Announced in the Court. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 26.05.2022

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Sh. Manjinder Singh (9872015069)

2469, Sunny Enclave,

Sector 125, Kharar,

Distt. Mohali 140301.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secy. Regional Transport Authority,

Amritsar

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy. Regional Transport Authority,

Amritsar

Respondent

Appeal case No.: 594 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: (i) Sh. Manjinder Singh, the appellant.
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 25.10.2021 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 1.12.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 25.1.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for 26.05.2022 through CISCO WEBEX.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO since sufficient time has elapsed.
3. The respondent is not present in spite of knowing date of hearing.
4. In view of version of the appellant, the respondent PIO is directed to supply the information to the appellant within 15 days, failing which stern action shall be initiated against the PIO along with directions to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively.
5. Appellant is advised to point out deficiency within seven days after receipt of information as per RTI application, in writing to the respondent with a copy to the Commission, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard.
6. With the aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **12.07.2022 at 11:00 AM through CISCO WEBEX application**. Announced in the Court. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 26.05.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Note: After the hearing was over, a phone call was made to the respondent, Sh. Gurmeet Singh (PIO, M:9814049779) and Sh. Gurpreet Singh (Section Officer-RTI, M:7009614643) by the undersigned Bench and respondents were apprised with the proceedings of this hearing.

Dated: 26.05.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
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Sh. Harmit Singh Sidhu (9878691567)

(Reporter) Rojana Desh Sewak,
c/o Bala Kala Finance Co.,
Phul Road, Rampura Phul,
Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post) O/o A.D.C.(Urban Dev),
Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director, Local Govt. Pb.,
Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal No.: 749 of 2022

Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: (i) Sh. Harmit Singh Sidhu, the appellant.
(ii) Nobody on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

1. The RTI application dated 31.7.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 1.12.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 7.2.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for 26.05.2022 through CISCO WEBEX.
2. In today's hearing, appellant, Sh. Harmit Singh Sidhu states that requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO since sufficient time has elapsed.
3. The respondent PIO is not present in spite of knowing date of hearing as Notice of hearing was sent to the concerned respondent office through registered post. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously as it also affects the hearing and disposal of the case. In pursuance of this, the PIO is directed to file a written submission in response to the Notice of the Commission. He is also directed to supply point-wise information to the appellant within ten days after receipt of this order along with directions to appear in person on the next date of hearing at Punjab State Information Commission Office, Chandigarh to clear the facts of this case.
4. The appellant is also advised to point out any ambiguity in the supplied information within 7 days after receipt of information, in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard.
5. Appellant is on liberty either to attend hearing through CISCO WEBEX (Meeting Number: 1582933632) or at Punjab State Information Commission Office, Chandigarh.
6. With the aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **12.07.2022 at 11:00 AM**. Announced in the Court. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 26.05.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
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Sh. Harmit Singh Reporter(9878691567)

c/o Baba Bakala Finance Company,
Phul Road, Rampura Phul,
Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1994 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

(i) Appellant: Sh. Harmit Singh

(ii) Respondent: Sh. Gurmit Singh (Clerk)

Order

1. Refer earlier order dated: 30.3.2022 vide which respondent PIO was directed to supply the information to the appellant free of cost within 15 days within a direction to appear in person on the next date of hearing. The case was adjourned for 26.05.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, the respondent states that reply had already been supplied that information could not be supplied as per RTI application.
3. The appellant states that information is still pending from the respondent PIO and left the meeting in between may be due to network issue.
4. After examining the case file, it is observed that on hearing held on 06.10.2021, respondent had taken plea for exemption to supply the information on the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court. Respondent PIO was directed to send a copy of the same to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 30.03.2022.
5. On hearing 30.03.2022, it was observed that respondent PIO was absent and no judgment was received from the respondent PIO on which he was denied to supply the information even after the ample time. Respondent PIO's version was overruled and he was directed to supply the point wise information free of cost to the appellant. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 26.05.2022.

Appeal Case No.: 1994 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Accordingly a final opportunity is awarded to the respondent PIO to comply with the previous order of the Commission dated 30.03.2022 within ten days from today. He is also directed to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively.

6. With the aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **12.07.2022 at 11:00 AM through CISCO WEBEX application**. Announced in the Court. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 26.05.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Note: After the hearing was over, a phone call was made to Sh. Neeraj, Clerk, RTA, Ferozepur by the undersigned Bench to coordinate with the appellant for a visit so that information can be supplied, which the respondent agrees and he promises to make a call to the appellant for inspection.

Dated: 26.5.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
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Sh. Ashwani Kumar(8054798600)

s/o Sh. Om Parkash,
R/o F9-1186, Gali No.5,
Batala Road, Vijay Nagar,
Amritsar.

Appellant

Versus

Show-Cause

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post) O/o Municipal Town Planner,
MC, C Block, Ranjit Avenue
Amritsar-143001.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner, MC, Amritsar

Respondent

Appeal case No.: 3715 of 2021
Hearing through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Ashwani Kumar the appellant.
(ii) None on behalf of respondent

ORDER

1. The above mentioned case was earlier heard by the Bench of Ld. SIC, Sh. Hem Inder Singh on 17.11.2021 vide which respondent PIO to supply the information through registered post to the appellant before the next date of hearing. The matter was fixed for hearing on 24.01.2022 and this present case was allocated to the undersigned Bench on 03.01.2022 vide office order dated 03.01.2022 passed by the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Matter which was fixed for 24.01.2022 was not heard and fixed for 10.03.2022, which was postponed and further adjourned to 26.05.2022 i.e. today.

2. In today's hearing the appellant is present and states that information is still pending from the respondent PIO.
3. Respondent PIO is absent despite being aware about the date of hearing which shows his causal approach towards the Notices issued to him by the Bench of Ld. SIC, Sh. Hem Inder Singh and by the undersigned Bench and orders passed by the Hon'ble Commission on 17.11.2021.
4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, it is also observed that no communication is received from the respondent PIO even after the ample time has elapsed after the 17.11.2021 and he has not availed the opportunity to represent this case today.
5. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o Municipal Town Planner, MC, Amritsar** is directed to **Show Cause** in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

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

Appeal case No.: 3715 of 2021
Hearing through CISCO WEBEX

6. Respondent PIO is directed to supply the point-wise information to the appellant within ten days after receipt of this order along with directions to appear in person on the next date of hearing positively.
7. Appellant is on liberty either to attend hearing through CISCO WEBEX (Meeting Number: 1582933632) or at Punjab State Information Commission Office, Chandigarh.
8. With the aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **02.08.2022 at 11:00 AM**. Announced in the Court. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 26.05.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab