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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.

(ii) None on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 03.08.2021 passed on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. The appellant Shri H.S. Hundal comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that in spite of various e.mail/letters sent by him to the PIO, he has not received the information from the PIO so far.
- 3. Neither the PIO has come present nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. Attempts are made to contact Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Faridkot but his phone could not be connected. A letter has, however, been received from the PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA Faridkot stating that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 21.05.2021 and has requested for giving another date on account of his inability to attend the hearing due to ill health.
- 4. On perusal of the case file, the Bench observes that the PIO has not filed reply to the show cause notice issued on 25.08.2020.

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5. The PIO is again directed to file reply to the show cause notice and bring along the entire relevant records as also the postal receipt for having supplied the information by registered post and produce the same before the Bench on the next date of hearing. He is also directed to file an affidavit as directed on the previous hearing on 25.08.2020.

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6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 06.12.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of order be given to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh 26.10.2021 Sd/-(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd)) State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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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: (i) Appellant- absent.

(ii) Shri Karanvir Singh Chhina, Secretary, RTA Sangrur/ First Appellate Authority, in person.

ORDER:

(Heard in person/on Mobile Phone)

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 03.08.2021 passed on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. The appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person. He has, however, expressed his inability to attend the hearing and requested for adjournment vide his e.mail dated 26.10.2021.
- 3. Shri Karanvir Singh Chhina, Secretary, R.T.A. Sangrur/First Appellate Authority comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the appellant was intimated vide letter dated 02.03.2021 that information can be accessed on line and he had visited the office two/three times and he was asked to access/ peruse the entire record on the website. He, however, expressed his inability to see the record, being not computer literate although he was offered help of a computer literate official. He, however, insisted on hard copy of the information. The information sought by appellant is voluminous running into a large number of pages.



AC No.858/2020

4. Shri Ravi Kumar, appellant is contacted on mobile phone. He states that he has sent an e.mail for his inability to attend the hearing. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant denies to have received any information or any letter for calling him to inspect the records. He is then made to talk to Shri Karanvir Singh Chhina, who apprises him of the opportunities given to him to peruse the information on the website. Shri Karanvir Singh Chhina also requests the appellant to come to his office tomorrow i.e.on 27.10.2021 to show him the entire record on website so as to enable him to identify the information required by him and to supply the information/documents as required by the appellant.

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- 5. Post deliberations, the Bench advises the appellant to visit the office of Secretary, R.T.A. Sangrur on 27.10.2021 and Shri Karanvir Singh Chhina will depute a computer literate official to help the appellant to access the relevant record on the website and the information as may be identified by the appellant will be supplied to him.
- 6. The PIO O/o R.T.A. Sangrur is directed to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the appellant was called to office and shown the entire relevant record in AC No.858/2020, on the departmental website with the help of a computer literate official of the office and the information as identified by the appellant has been supplied to him. It be further stated that the statement made is true and correct.
- 7. The PIO is directed to file reply to the show cause notice as also to deposit the amount of penalty imposed on the PIO and also bring along the original affidavit, photocopy of the same along with the evidence for having deposited the amount of penalty and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing.
- 8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 31.01.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of order be given to the concerned parties.

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O/o Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,

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

...Respondents

AC No.1126/2020

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

(ii) Shri Karanvir Singh Chhina, Secretary, RTA Sangrur/ First Appellate Authority, in person.

ORDER:

(Heard in person/on Mobile Phone)

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 03.08.2021 passed on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. The appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person. He has, however, expressed his inability to attend the hearing through e.mail and requested for adjournment vide his e.mail dated 26.10.2021.
- 3. Shri Karanvir Singh Chhina, Secretary, R.T.A. Sangrur/First Appellate Authority comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the appellant was intimated vide letter dated 02.03.2021 that information can be accessed on line and he had visited the office two/three times and he was asked to access/ peruse the entire record on the website. He, however, expressed his inability to see the record, being not computer literate although he was offered help of a computer literate official. He, however, insisted on hard copy of the information. The information sought by appellant is voluminous running into a large number of pages.

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AC No.1126/2020

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- 5. Post deliberations, the Bench advises the appellant to visit the office of Secretary, R.T.A. Sangrur on 27.10.2021 and Shri Karanvir Singh Chhina will depute a computer literate official to help the appellant to access the relevant record on the website and the information as may be identified by the appellant will be supplied to him.
- 6. The PIO O/o R.T.A. Sangrur is directed to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the appellant was called to office and shown the entire relevant record in AC No.1126/2020, on the departmental website with the help of a computer literate official of the office and the information as identified by the appellant has been supplied to him. It be further stated that the statement made is true and correct.
- 7. The PIO is directed to file reply to the show cause notice as also to deposit the amount of penalty imposed on the PIO and also bring along the original affidavit, photocopy of the same along with the evidence for having deposited the amount of penalty and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing.
- 8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 31.01.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of order be given to the concerned parties.

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