Shri Surinder Kumar. S/o Shri Bhagwan Dass, Partap Nagar Welfare Society, Ward No.8, Fatehgarh Churian, District Gurdaspur.

.....Appellant

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#### **Public Information Officer**

O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Fatehgarh Churian District Gurdaspur.

**First Appellate Authority** O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Amritsar.

AC No.2974 of 2020

....Respondents

Shri Surinder Kumar, appellant Present: (i) None on behalf of the PIO. (ii)

#### ORDER:

#### (Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 24.06.2020 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 25.07.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 27.01.2021 through Cisco Webex. Shri Surinder Kumar, appellant attends the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the information has been sent to him by the PIO vide letter dated 10.07.2020, but the same is incomplete and is not in accordance with his RTI application.

3. Neither the PIO himself attends the hearing through Cisco Webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.

The PIO O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Fatehgarh Churian, District Gurdaspur is 4. issued show cause notice to explain his absence and 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 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.





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5. 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.

6. The PIO is further directed to ensure that complete information is supplied to the appellant before the next hearing. He is also directed to attend the next hearing in person before the Bench at Chandigarh.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 05.04.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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

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Public Information Officer O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Fatehgarh Churian District Gurdaspur. -2-

Shri Tejinder Singh, Editor India's Justice, Civil Court, Tehsil Complex, Backside Sanjh Kender, Phillaur, District Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

#### **Public Information Officer**

O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Ropar

# First Appellate Authority-cum-O/o Deputy Director,

Local Bodies, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.2982 of 2020

# Present: (i) Shri Tejinder Singh, Appellant (ii) Shri Bhajan Chand, Executive Officer/PIO, Municipal Council, Ropar,

#### ORDER:

#### (Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 20.04.2020 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 06.06.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 27.01.2020 by the Commission through Cisco Webex. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through Cisco Webex.

3. Shri Tejinder Singh, appellant attends the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has not received any information so far.

4. Shri Bhajan Chand, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Ropar/PIO attends the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he had assigned the duty regarding supply of information to the Sanitary Inspector, but he has not done so.

5. On the asking of the Bench, he states that he is the designated PIO under RTI Act. Upon this, the Bench makes it clear that it is the sole responsibility of the PIO to supply information to the appellant as per provisions under the RTI Act and as such, he cannot shift responsibility on the Sanitary Inspector and that the PIO alone is accountable under the RTI Act.



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6. The PIO assures the Bench to supply information to the appellant within 10 days. The PIO is further directed to attend the next hearing before the Bench at Chandigarh. The appellant is also apprised of the version of the PIO.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 05.04.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Jagshir Singh S/o Shri Maghar Singh R/o VPO Daangarh, District Barnala-148105

.....Appellant

Versus

#### **Public Information Officer**

O/o General Manager, Punjab Roadways, Amitsar-1 Depot, Amritsar.

#### First Appellate Authority

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

(i)

(ii)

....Respondents

#### AC No.2951 of 2020

Present:

Shri Jagshir Singh, appellant. Shri Balbir Singh, Senior Assistant, O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab, Chandigarh, in person on behalf of First Appellate Authority.

#### **ORDER:**

#### (Heard Through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 25.06.2020 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 07.08.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 06.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 27.01.2021 through Cisco Webex. Shri Jagshir Singh, appellant attends the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has not been supplied information.

3. Neither the PIO O/o G.M. Punjab Roadways, Amritsar-I Depot, Amritsar has come to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing.

4. Shri Balbir Singh, Sr. Assistant, O/o Director, State Transport Authority, Punjab, Chandigarh comes present in person before the Bench and states that in pursuance of the directions of Hon'ble Commission, other similar appeal cases in which the appellant Shri Jagshir Singh has sought information, a letter dated 14.01.2021 has been written to all the General Managers/ Depot Managers of Punjab Roadways/Punbus whereby a direction has been given to them to depute the concerned dealing Assistant



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to the Office of Director, State Transport, Punjab on 08.02.2021 so as to make available the information from all the depots to the appellant. He also requests that in earlier connected appeal cases, the next date of hearing has been fixed for 30.03.2021 and that in these appeal cases, the same date may please be given.

5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab that after collecting information from all the PIOs of Punjab Roadway/Punbus depots, the required information be supplied to the appellant after calling him to their office before the next hearing.

Acceding to the request of the representative of PIO, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 30.03.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.
Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Jagshir Singh S/o Shri Maghar Singh R/o VPO Daangarh, District Barnala-148105

.....Appellant

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#### **Public Information Officer**

O/o General Manager, Punjab Roadways, Hoshiarpur Depot, Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority

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

....Respondents

#### AC No.2952 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Jagshir Singh, appellant.

(ii) Shri Balbir Singh, Senior Assistant, O/o Director, State Transport,

Punjab, Chandigarh, in person on behalf of First Appellate Authority.

#### ORDER:

#### (Heard Through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 25.06.2020 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 07.08.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 06.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 27.01.2021 through Cisco Webex.

Shri Jagshir Singh, appellant attends the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has been supplied information, but the same is incomplete and he is not satisfied with the information supplied.

3. Neither the PIO O/o G.M. Punjab Roadways, Hoshiarpur Depot, Hoshiarpur has come to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing.

4. Shri Balbir Singh, Sr. Assistant, O/o Director, State Transport Authority, Punjab, Chandigarh comes present in person before the Bench and states that in pursuance of the directions of Hon'ble Commission, other similar appeal cases in which the appellant Shri Jagshir Singh has sought information, a letter dated 14.01.2021 has been written to all the General Managers/ Depot Managers of Punjab Roadways/Punbus whereby a direction has been given to them to depute the concerned dealing Assistant



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to the Office of Director, State Transport, Punjab on 08.02.2021 so as to make available the information from all the depots to the appellant. He also requests that in earlier connected appeal cases, the next date of hearing has been fixed for 30.03.2021 and that in these appeal cases, the same date may please be given.

5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab that after collecting information from all the PIOs of Punjab Roadway/Punbus depots, the required information be supplied to the appellant after calling him to their office before the next hearing.

Acceding to the request of the representative of PIO, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 30.03.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.
Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Jagshir Singh S/o Shri Maghar Singh R/o VPO Daangarh, District Barnala-148105

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#### **Public Information Officer**

O/o General Manager, Punjab Roadways, Pathankot Depot, Pathankot.

#### First Appellate Authority

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

(i)

....Respondents

#### AC No.2953 of 2020

Present:

- Shri Jagshir Singh, appellant.
- (ii) Shri Pardeep, Clerk O/o General Manager, Punjab Roadways, Pathankot.
- (iii) Shri Balbir Singh, Senior Assistant, O/o Director, State Transport,

Punjab, Chandigarh, in person on behalf of First Appellate Authority.

#### ORDER:

#### (Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 25.06.2020 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 07.08.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 06.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 27.01.2021 through Cisco Webex.

Shri Jagshir Singh, appellant attends the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has been supplied information, but he is not satisfied with the information supplied.

3. Shri Pardeep, Clerk, attends the hearing through Cisco Webex on behalf of the PIO. He states that the information was supplied to the appellant and a letter was also sent to him to point out deficiencies, if any, but no deficiencies have been received from the appellant.

4. Shri Balbir Singh, Sr. Assistant, O/o Director, State Transport Authority, Punjab, Chandigarh comes present in person before the Bench and states that in pursuance of the directions of Hon'ble Commission, other similar appeal cases in which the appellant Shri Jagshir Singh has sought information, a letter dated 14.01.2021 has been written to all the General Managers/ Depot Managers of Punjab Roadways/Punbus whereby a direction has been given to them to depute the concerned dealing Assistant



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to the Office of Director, State Transport, Punjab on 08.02.2021 so as to make available the information from all the depots to the appellant. He also requests that in earlier connected appeal cases, the next date of hearing has been fixed for 30.03.2021 and that in these appeal cases, the same date may please be given.

5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab that after collecting information from all the PIOs of Punjab Roadway/Punbus depots, the required information be supplied to the appellant after calling him to their office before the next hearing.

Acceding to the request of the representative of PIO, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 30.03.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.
Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Jagshir Singh, appellant.



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#### **Public Information Officer**

O/o General Manager, Punjab Roadways Depot, Moga Depot, Moga.

#### **First Appellate Authority**

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

(i)

....Respondents

#### AC No.2954 of 2020

#### Present:

- (ii)
- Shri Jagjit Singh, Clerk, O/o General Manager, Punjab Roadways, Moga
- Shri Balbir Singh, Senior Assistant, O/o Director, State Transport, (iii)

Punjab, Chandigarh, in person on behalf of First Appellate Authority.

#### **ORDER:**

#### (Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 25.06.2020 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 07.08.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 06.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 27.01.2021 through Cisco Webex.

Shri Jagjit Singh, Clerk, attends the hearing through Cisco Webex on behalf of the PIO. He states that the complete information has been supplied to the appellant.

3. Shri Jagshir Singh, appellant attends the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has been supplied partial information and he is not satisfied with the information supplied.

4. Shri Balbir Singh, Sr. Assistant, O/o Director, State Transport Authority, Punjab, Chandigarh comes present in person before the Bench and states that in pursuance of the directions of Hon'ble Commission, other similar appeal cases in which the appellant Shri Jagshir Singh has sought information, a letter dated 14.01.2021 has been written to all the General Managers/ Depot Managers of Punjab Roadways/Punbus whereby a direction has been given to them to depute the concerned dealing Assistant



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to the Office of Director, State Transport, Punjab on 08.02.2021 so as to make available the information from all the depots to the appellant. He also requests that in earlier connected appeal cases, the next date of hearing has been fixed for 30.03.2021 and that in these appeal cases, the same date may please be given.

5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab that after collecting information from all the PIOs of Punjab Roadway/Punbus depots, the required information be supplied to the appellant after calling him to their office before the next hearing.

6. Acceding to the request of the representative of PIO, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 30.03.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Jagshir Singh S/o Shri Maghar Singh R/o VPO Daangarh, District Barnala-148105

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#### **Public Information Officer**

O/o General Manager, Punjab Roadways, Tarn Taran Depot, Tarn Taran.

#### First Appellate Authority

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

....Respondents

#### AC No.2955 of 2020

Present:

- (i) Shri Jaqshir Singh, appellant.
- (ii) Shri Harinder Singh Uppal, G.M. Punjab Roadways, Tarn Taran.

(ii) Shri Balbir Singh, Senior Assistant, O/o Director, State Transport,

Punjab, Chandigarh, in person on behalf of First Appellate Authority.

ORDER:

#### (Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 25.06.2020 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 07.08.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 06.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 27.01.2021 through Cisco Webex. Shri Harinder Singh Uppal, G.M. Punjab Roadways, Tarn Taran attends the hearing through Cisco Webex.

He states that the complete information has been supplied to the appellant.

3. Shri Jagshir Singh, appellant attends the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has been supplied partial information but he is not satisfied with the information supplied.

4. Shri Balbir Singh, Sr. Assistant, O/o Director, State Transport Authority, Punjab, Chandigarh comes present in person before the Bench and states that in pursuance of the directions of Hon'ble Commission, other similar appeal cases in which the appellant Shri Jagshir Singh has sought information, a letter dated 14.01.2021 has been written to all the General Managers/ Depot Managers of Punjab Roadways/Punbus whereby a direction has been given to them to depute the concerned dealing Assistant



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to the Office of Director, State Transport, Punjab on 08.02.2021 so as to make available the information from all the depots to the appellant. He also requests that in earlier connected appeal cases, the next date of hearing has been fixed for 30.03.2021 and that in these appeal cases, the same date may please be given.

5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab that after collecting information from all the PIOs of Punjab Roadway/Punbus depots, the required information be supplied to the appellant after calling him to their office before the next hearing.

Acceding to the request of the representative of PIO, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 30.03.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.
Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Jagshir Singh S/o Shri Maghar Singh R/o VPO Daangarh, District Barnala-148105

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#### **Public Information Officer**

O/o General Manager, Punjab Roadways, Amritsar-II Depot, Amritsar.

#### **First Appellate Authority**

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

(i)

(ii)

....Respondents

#### AC No.2956 of 2020

Present:

# Shri Jaqshir Singh, appellant. Shri Balbir Singh, Senior Assistant, O/o Director, State Transport,

Punjab, Chandigarh, in person on behalf of First Appellate Authority.

## **ORDER:**

#### (Heard Through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 25.06.2020 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 07.08.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 06.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 27.01.2021 through Cisco Webex. Shri Jagshir Singh, appellant attends the hearing through Cisco Webex.

3. Neither the PIO O/o G.M. Punjab Roadways, Amritsar-II Depot, Amritsar has come to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing. However, a letter is available in the case file stating that the information is ready and the appellant has been asked to deposit Rs.1174/- for supply of 587 pages which has not been deposited by the appellant so far. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that he has received a letter for deposit of Rs.1174/- but the fee for supply of information has been demanded from him after the expiry of prescribed period of 30 days.

Shri Balbir Singh, Sr. Assistant, O/o Director, State Transport Authority, Punjab, Chandigarh 4. comes present in person before the Bench and states that in pursuance of the directions of Hon'ble Commission, other similar appeal cases in which the appellant Shri Jagshir Singh has sought information, a letter dated 14.01.2021 has been written to all the General Managers/ Depot Managers of Punjab Roadways/Punbus whereby a direction has been given to them to depute the concerned dealing Assistant



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to the Office of Director, State Transport, Punjab on 08.02.2021 so as to make available the information from all the depots to the appellant. He also requests that in earlier connected appeal cases, the next date of hearing has been fixed for 30.03.2021 and that in these appeal cases, the same date may please be given.

5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab that after collecting information from all the PIOs of Punjab Roadway/Punbus depots, the required information be supplied to the appellant after calling him to their office before the next hearing.

6. Acceding to the request of the representative of PIO, the matter is adjourned. **To come up** for hearing on 30.03.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Jasbir Singh, R/o Guru Nanak Colony, Village Bolapur Jhabewal PO Ramgarh, Distt.Ludhiana.



.....Appellant

Versus

#### Public Information Officer-cum-Secretary, Regional

Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur

**Public Information Officer** O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,Sector-17, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

#### AC No.2909 of 2020

# Present:(i)Appellant - absent(ii)Shri Sukhjinder Singh, Clerk O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Ferozepur<br/>on behalf of the PIO.

#### ORDER:

### (Heard through Cisco Webex/On Mobile Phone)

1. The RTI application is dated 03.07.2020 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 05.08.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 27.01.2021 through Cisco Webex. Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant does not attend the hearing through Cisco Webex.

3. Shri Sukhjinder Singh, Clerk O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Ferozepur attends the hearing through Cisco Webex on behalf of the PIO. He states that the information was sent to the appellant on 18.09.2020.

4. The appellant Shri Jasbir Singh is contacted on mobile phone. He denies receipt of any information from the PIO and states that he has also sent an intimation by e.mail to the Commission to this effect.

5. Post deliberations, the PIO, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Ferozepur is directed again to supply the information to the appellant by e.mail as well as by registered post, before the next hearing and also to produce the postal receipt before the Bench as proof of having sent the information to the appellant.



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With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on
05.04.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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