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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Jaspal Singh, Ex- Patwari (9417803636)**
s/o Sh. Gurbax Singh,
R/o Bandi, Tehsil & District Bathinda

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Tehsildar Talwandi Saboo,
Distt. Bathinda

Respondent

Complaint Case No.: 527 of 2021
Heard through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Jaspal Singh, the appellant in person.
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Jagtar Singh, Naib Tehsildar (9815097697).

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 22.02.2021 whereby the information-seeker has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 29.04.2021 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 27.10.2021 through CISCO Webex application.
3. In today's hearing, both the parties are present. Respondent, Sh. Jagtar Singh states that Jamabandi has already been supplied to the complainant.
4. On this, complainant expressed his dissatisfaction on the supplied information and requests the Commission to direct the respondent PIO to supply the complete requisite information.
5. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, it is observed that this instant case is a Complaint Case.

The attention of the Complainant is drawn to the decision of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India rendered on 12.12.2011 in Civil Appeal Nos. Nos.10787 – 10788 of 2011 (arising out of SLP © No.32768-32769/2010)-Chief Information Commissioner and another Vs. State of Manipur and another, in Para 31 whereof, it has been held that while entertaining a complaint case under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, the Commissioners have no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for an access to the information which is as under:-

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(31. We uphold the said contention and do not find any error in the impugned judgment of the High Court whereby it has been held that the Commissioner while entertaining a complaint under Section 18 of the said Act has no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for access to the information).

6. Despite of being a complaint case, the Commission advised to the respondent PIO to furnish the demanded information within one week from today.
7. Complainant is also advised to point out specific deficiency as per RTI application, in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within ten days, once he received information from the respondent PIO.
8. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing positively, failing to which case will be decided on the merit basis.
9. To come up on **13.04.2022 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: 27.10.2021

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Sh. Jasbir Singh (9872455496)

Vill. Bolapur, Jhabewal,
Guru Nanak Nagar
PO Ramgarh,
Ludhiana 123455,

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb, Chandigarh

Respondent

Complaint Case No.: 558 of 2021

Heard through CISCO Webex

Present:

(i) Sh. Jasbir Singh, the complainant.

(ii) Sh. Gurbax Singh & Sh. Sukhwinder Singh, Clerk(9914759734)

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 06.02.2021 whereby the information-seeker has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 03.05.2021 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 27.10.2021 through CISCO Webex application.
3. In today's hearing, both the parties are present. Respondent, Sh. Gurbax Singh states that after receiving information from the Finance Department, the same has already been supplied to the appellant but he denies receipt of any information.
4. After hearing both the parties the court directs the respondent department that the information received from the Finance Department may again be sent to the appellant within this week under intimation to the Commission.
5. The complainant is also advised to point deficiency, if any, on receipt of the information to the respondent department under intimation to the Commission.
6. To come up on **13.04.2022 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. Gursewak Singh (7589218263)

s/o Sh. Baljit Singh
Vill. Talwandi Saboo,
Distt. Bathinda.

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post)

O/o E.O., Nagar Panchayat
Talwandi Saboo, Distt. Bathinda

Respondent

Complaint Case No.: 570 of 2021

Heard through CISCO Webex

Present: (i) Sh. Gursewak Singh, the complainant in person
(ii) Nobody on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 27.10.2020 whereby the information-seeker has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 15.12.2020 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 27.10.2021 through CISCO Webex application.
3. In today's hearing, complainant is present states that requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO but nobody appears on behalf of the respondent department despite being aware about the date of hearing.
4. After hearing the complainant and examining the documents placed on record, one opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to supply the point-wise reply/information to the complainant within ten days after receipt of this order along with directions to appear in person on the next date of hearing positively. A copy of this order be sent to him by name through registered post for his ready reference.
5. The complainant is also advised to point deficiency, if any, on receipt of the information to the respondent department under intimation to the Commission.
6. To come up on **20.04.2022 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. Simrat Pal Sidhu (9814016783)

H.No.1173, Sector-15-B

Chandigarh

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Commandant General,

Pb. Home Guards & Director,

Civil Defence, Pb., Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commandant General,

Pb. Home Guards & Director,

Civil Defence, Pb., Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1169 of 2021

Heard through CISCO Webex

Present: (i) Sh. Simrat Pal Sidhu, the appellant in person.

(ii) For the respondent: Ms. Malkiat Kaur (JA) (9463185484) .

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 08.09.2020 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 31.08.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.05.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 27.10.2021 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. The appellant, Sh. Simrat Pal Sidhu pleads that directions may be given to the respondent department to supply the requisite information to him. He further states that the documentation fee which was demanded by the department has already been submitted amounting Rs. 544/- in lieu of pages to be supplied.
4. On this, respondent, Ms. Malkiat Kaur states that the requisite information due to security purposes could not be supplied to the appellant while giving reference of clause 8(1)(g) and 8(1)(e) of the RTI Act, 2005.
5. After hearing both the parties and examining the documents placed on record, it is observed that appellant is not satisfied with the contention of the respondent and the Commission as well. Accordingly, respondent PIO is directed to file a reply to the Commission explaining why the requisite information could not be disclosed before the next date of hearing.
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 **10.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex at PSIC Office**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 27.10.2021

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State Information Commissioner
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Sh. Simrat Pal Sidhu (9814016783)

H.No.1173, Sector-15-B

Chandigarh

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Commandant General,

Pb. Home Guards & Director,

Civil Defence, Pb., Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commandant General,

Pb. Home Guards & Director,

Civil Defence, Pb., Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1170 of 2021

Heard through CISCO Webex

Present: (i) Sh. Simrat Pal Sidhu, the appellant in person.

(ii) For the respondent: Ms. Malkiat Kaur (JA) (9463185484) .

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 08.09.2020 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 31.08.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.05.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 27.10.2021 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. The appellant, Sh. Simrat Pal Sidhu pleads that directions may be given to the respondent department to supply the requisite information to him as he is not satisfied with the supplied reply.
4. On this, respondent, Ms. Malkiat Kaur states that the requisite information could not be supplied to the appellant while giving reference of clause 8(1)(e) of the RTI Act, 2005.
5. After hearing both the parties and examining the documents placed on record, it is observed that appellant is not satisfied with the contention of the respondent and the Commission as well. Accordingly, respondent PIO is directed to file a reply to the Commission explaining why the requisite information could not be disclosed before the next date of hearing.
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 **10.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex at PSIC Office**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 27.10.2021

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Sh. Sanjeev Goyal

S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,
Kothi No. 148, Model Town,
Phase-I, Near TV Tower,
Bathinda-151001

Appellant

Versus

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer (By Name)

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda

Public Information Officer

O/o State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Chandigarh

Public Information Officer

O/o SSP, Bathinda

Public Information Officer

O/o Civil Surgeon,
Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 158 of 2021
Heard through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

(i) Sh. Sanjeev Goyal, the appellant in person.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Gurbax Singh (APIO, O/o STC, Punjab, Chandigarh)

ORDER

1. This order may be read with the previous order dated 5.8.2021 vide which both the parties were advised to co-operate and fix the date of inspection and respondent PIO, O/o RTA, Bathinda was directed to make sure to supply the information as under:

- Point no. 2, 3 and 14 (after receiving letter regarding the specific required information from the appellant).
- Exact link relates with Point no. 4.
- Respondent PIO, O/o STC, Punjab Chandigarh was also directed to supply the reply/information in connection with point no. 1 of the application.

Matter was adjourned for hearing for 27.10.2021 i.e. today.

2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present. Respondent, Sh. Gurbax Singh states that information relates with point no. 1 has already been sent to the appellant through registered post.
3. The appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Goyal states that information from the Respondent PIO, office of RTA, Bathinda is still pending.

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Heard through CISCO WEBEX

4. After hearing both the parties and examining the documents placed on record, respondent PIO, office of RTA, Bathinda is directed to appear in person to clear the facts of this case positively along with directions for the compliance of previous order of the Commission dated 05.08.2021. A copy of this order be sent to him through **registered post** for his ready reference.
5. Appellant is also advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing positively, failing which case will be decided on merit basis.
6. To come up on **20.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** through **CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application).
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Sh. Raminder Singh (9855808212)

S/o Sh. S/o Sh. Sarwan Singh
R/o Village Suarjpur, Tehsil Nabha
District Patiala

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post) O/o BDPO, Nabha
District Patiala

First Appellate Authority

O/o DDPO, Patiala

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 315 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Raminder Singh, the appellant in person.
(ii) Nobody on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.7.2021 vide which respondent was absent and granted an opportunity to represent this case on the next date of hearing. The case was adjourned for further hearing for 27.10.2021 i.e. today
2. In today's hearing, appellant is present and states that requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO.
3. Respondent PIO intimated the undersigned Bench that he is unable to attend today's hearing. Request of the respondent is granted; he is directed to send reply/information as per RTI application to the appellant within fifteen days after receipt of this order with a copy to the Commission.
4. 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.
5. Matter is adjourned for further hearing **29.03.2022 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. Sandeep Singh (9041222236)

C/o Chamber No. 736, 2nd Floor,

District Courts, Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o RTA, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o State Transport Commissioner Punjab,

Sector-17, Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3847 of 2020

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: None present.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference of the previous order of the Commission dated 29.7.2021 vide which appellant was advised to visit the respondent's office on 03.08.2021. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 27.10.2021 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, both the parties are not present. Both the parties are granted one more opportunity to represent their case on the next date of hearing failing which appropriate decision shall be taken in their absence.
3. To come up on **12.04.2022 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. Daljeet Singh (9999994586)

S/o Sh. Puran Singh
864/16, Nai Basti, Sohna Chowk,
Gurgaon 122001

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Naib Tehsildar, Bhogpur, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Tehsildar, Jalandhar-2.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 634 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

(i) Sh. Daljeet Singh, the appellant in person.

(ii) for the respondent: Sh. Harinder Singh (Patwari-Bhogpur) (7696338983)

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.7.2021 vide which both the parties were advised to co-operate on the appellant's visit to the respondent's office on 02.08.2021 for the inspection of the official record. The matter was adjourned for further hearing for 27.10.2021 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that he had visited the respondent's office on the fixed date but relevant record has not been supplied to him.
3. On this, respondent, Sh. Harinder Singh states that he had joined the office on 04.08.2021 and concerned staff intimated that requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant. He was presenting case but all of sudden he left meeting, which may be due to network issue.
4. In wake of above, both the parties are granted one more opportunity to represent their case on the next date of hearing failing which appropriate decision shall be taken in their absence.
5. To come up on **30.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application).
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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,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb,
Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1474 of 2021

Heard through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Bhupinder Punj, the appellant.
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Dharminder (9501433900)

ORDER

1. This order may be read with earlier order dated 12.8.2021 wherein respondent PIO was absent and directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant. The matter was adjourned to 27.10.2021 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present. Appellant, Sh. Bhupinder Punj states that requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO.
3. Respondent, Sh. Dharminder states that requisite information was earlier sent to the appellant through registered post on 07.10.2020 which was returned undelivered. He adds that same was sent to the appellant twice on 04.11.2020 and 16.01.2021.
4. After hearing both the parties and examining documents placed on record, respondent PIO is directed to send information once again to the appellant under intimation to the Commission. Appellant is advised to go through the supplied information and point out deficiency within ten days after receipt of information in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission as per RTI application, failing which case will be decided on merit basis.
5. To come up on **23.03.2022 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. Jasbir Singh (9888296107)

Guru Nanak Nagar,
Village Bolapur, Jhabewal,
Post Office, Ramgarh,
District Ludhiana-141123

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3772 of 2020

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

- (i) Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant.
- (ii) Nobody on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.08.2021 vide which, respondent, Sh. Manish Kumar stated that that there is not any file is available in the official record with regard to the RTI application. He adds that reply has already been supplied to the appellant but appellant expressed his dissatisfaction with the supplied reply.

Accordingly, respondent PIO was directed to file a reply in writing as per queries raised by the appellant in his RTI application along with directions to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 27.10.2021 i.e. today.

2. In today's hearing, appellant is present but respondent PIO is absent despite being aware about the date of hearing. One opportunity is awarded to the respondent PIO to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing positively to clear the facts.
3. Appellant is also advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing positively, failing to which case will be decided on the merit basis.
4. To come up on **22.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** through **CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application).
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Sh. Surinder Kumar Singla (7681940843)

s/o Sh. Ruldu Ram,
Paras Ram Nagar, Street No.1,
H.No.31747, Bathinda

Complainant

Versus

Show Cause

Public Information Officer

(Regd. Post) O/o DEO, (SE), Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o DEO, (SE), Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 896 of 2021

Heard through CISCO WEBEX

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

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.08.2021 vide which respondent PIO was absent and matter was adjourned for further hearing on 27.10.2021 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that requisite information is still pending.
3. Respondent PIO is absent continuously second time. He was also absent on the previous hearing held on 17.08.2021. Calls were made to Ms. Kirpawant Kaur (APIO, M: 9646300208) regarding today's hearing but no response is received.
4. In view of the foregoing, respondent PIO, O/o **DEO (SE), Bathinda** 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. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post for his ready reference.

5. To come up on **30.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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