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(Regd. Post) Sh. Manjit Singh, S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,  
Village Mane Majra, Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib,  
Distt. Ropar.

...Complainant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The General Manager, Punjab Roadways,  
Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur.

...Respondents

## Complaint Case No. 410 of 2019

**Present:** The Complainant, Sh. Manjit Singh is present.  
Sh. Leela Singh, Works Manager is present on behalf of the Respondent/PIO.

### ORDER

This case was last heard on 04.12.2019.

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Sh. Manjit Singh states that no information has been supplied to him relating to this case.

The representative of the Respondent / PIO is present in today's hearing.

During discussion, the Appellant states that he didn't apply before the First Appeal as it would be time consuming and he was advised to follow the RTI Act.

After going through the case file, it is found that the complainant has not exhausted the channel of approaching First Appellate Authority under Section 19 of the RTI Act. In regard to this, the Appellant is further advised to visit/ apply before the First Appellate Authority for which the Appellant agrees and ready to apply his RTI application before the FAA.

**Hence, the instant complaint case is remanded to First Appellate Authority of office of The Director, State Transport, Punjab, Sector -17, Chandigarh** with the directions to decide the case as per provisions of the RTI Act, after giving due opportunity to the parties concerned, examining the evidences, documents placed on record/submitted by the parties concerned and subsequently pass an order within forty five days from the receipt of this order. A copy of the RTI request of the complainant be also enclosed for ready reference of First Appellate Authority, who will treat it as first appeal. **A copy of this order be sent to PIO as well as to FAA through registered post along with RTI request. If the complainant would not be satisfied with the decision (which would be announced) by the First Appellate Authority, he is free to approach the Commission by way of second appeal after the decision of the First Appellate Authority.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-  
(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Dated: 28.01.2020

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority, (By Name)  
O/o The Director, State Transport, Punjab  
Sector -17, Chandigarh.  
(Encl. RTI Application)

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**Sh. Yogesh Mahajan**

S/o Late Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan,  
Opp. Water Tank, Municipal Market,  
Mission Road, Pathankot (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Provincial Division,  
P. W. D. (B & R), Bathinda (Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
Construction Circle,  
P. W. D. (B & R), Bathinda (Punjab)

...Respondents

## **Appeal Case No. 1283 of 2019**

**Present:** The Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is absent.  
Sh. Sudhir Kumar, Assistant Engineer is present on behalf of the Respondent/PIO.

### **ORDER**

This case was last heard on 04.12.2019 vide which the Appellant was advised to go through the requisite information and point out the deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent / PIO through registered post, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is again absent but a letter has been received in the Commission vide diary number 327 dated 07.01.2020 in which letter dated 30.12.2019 and dated 22.11.2019 is attached vide which he has written that no information has been supplied to him and these same type of letters had already been sent by the Appellant vide email dated 02.09.2019 and 12.11.2019, which is taken on record.

On asking about the deficiencies, if any, pointed out by the Appellant. Sh. Sudhir Kumar states that no such letter or email relating to deficiencies has been received by them in their office.

After going through the case file, it is found that the information has already been supplied to the Appellant but still the Appellant is writing the same things in the form of registered letters or emails near the date of hearing of the Court. This proves that the Appellant has no intention in collecting the information as he is not pointing out any specific deficiency but just prolonging the case by sending the same type of emails or letters. Despite giving several opportunities to the Appellant for clarifying the facts by appearing in person or through any of his representative or about the remaining information but still he is absent today.

In view of above, this clarifies the intention of the Appellant as he is just lingering on the case and as such no further intervention is required in this case.

**This case is disposed of and closed.**

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**Sd/-  
(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab**

**Dated: 28.01.2020**

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**Sh. Baljeet Singh Bal, S/o Lt. Sh. Satnam Singh Bal,**  
House Number 18, Rajguru Nagar Extension,  
Backside MBD Mall, Ferozpur Road, Ludhiana.

**...Complainant**

**V/s**

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Zone-D, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana.

**...Respondents**

## **Complaint Case No. 467 of 2019**

**Present:** The Complainant, Sh. Baljeet Singh is absent.  
None is present on behalf of the Respondent/PIO.

### **ORDER**

This case was last heard on 04.12.2019 and on the previous hearing, the representative of the Respondent/ PIO, the Draftsmen, Sh. Harjit Singh was present and he stated that the information had been supplied to the Complainant through registered post dated 03.12.2019 further submitted a letter dated 29.11.2019, which was taken on record.

In today's hearing, the Complaint is again absent without any intimation to the Commission. None is present on behalf of Respondent/ PIO.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that despite giving opportunities to the Complainant for pointing out the deficiencies or to appear in person in the Court he is still absent today and neither any sort of email / letter has been received from the Complainant's side relating to this case.

In view of above, it is presumed that the Complainant is satisfied with the supplied information and no further intervention is required in this case.

**This case is disposed of and closed.**

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**Dated: 28.01.2020**

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Sh. Manjinder Singh,  
# 2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector -125,  
Kharar, Distt. Mohali (140301).  
M: 9872015069

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,  
Jalandhar.

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

... Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 3093 of 2019

**Present:** The Appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh is present.  
Sh. Vikram Singh, Clerk is present on behalf of the Respondent/PIO.

### ORDER

This case was last heard on 04.12.2019 vide which the Respondent/ PIO was directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant before the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

On this, the representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Sh. Vikram states that this information is voluminous in nature and this information will take much time as this is not maintained in the format as requested by the Appellant through his RTI Application. In this regard, he further submits letter number 1301 dated 27.01.2020 along with other documents to the Court, which is taken on record.

Contradicting this, the Appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh states that the same type of information in the same format had already been supplied by the same department i.e. PIO O/o The Secretary, RTA, Jalandhar but of some different dates and requests the Court that this could also be supplied.

After discussing with both the parties, it has been found that Sh. Vikram doesn't know anything about the previous information which had been supplied to Sh. Manjinder Singh of some different dates. So, in reference to this, Sh. Manjinder will show some old information (which was supplied to him earlier of different dates) to the representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Sh. Vikram for reference purpose by sending the same to him through registered post or through email, so that Sh. Vikram could supply the requisite information to the Appellant through registered post before the next date of hearing. The PIO concerned is also directed to appear in person along with the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the Appellant, on the next date of hearing.

The Appellant is advised to go through the requisite 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, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits. The Appellant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

**The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 24.03.2020 at 11.00 A. M.**

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Dated: 28.01.2020

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Kharar, Distt. Mohali (140301).  
**M: 9872015069**

...Appellant

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,  
Ludhiana.

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

... Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 3094 of 2019**

**Present:** The Appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh is present.

None is present on behalf of the Respondent/PIO.

**ORDER**

This case was last heard on 04.12.2019 vide which the Appellant was advised to inspect the record and collect the same by visiting the concerned office on 20.12.2019.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh states that he is satisfied with the supplied information and requested for closing this Appeal Case i.e. 3094 of 2019 by submitting an acknowledgement receipt dated 28.01.2020 signed by him, which is taken on record.

None is present on behalf of Respondent /PIO.

In view of above, as the information has been supplied to the Appellant and he is satisfied with the same. So, no further intervention is required in this case.

**This case is disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Sd/-**  
**(Sanjiv Garg)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

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**Sh. Jagjit Singh, S/o Sh. Hukam Singh,**  
H.No. 459-A, Sector 61, Chandigarh.

...Complainant

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training,  
Punjab, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

**Complaint Case No. 459 of 2019**

**Present:** The Complainant, Sh. Jagjit Singh is present.  
Sh. Mewa Singh, Superintendent –cum- APIO along with Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant is present on behalf of the Respondent/PIO.

**ORDER**

This case was heard on 04.12.2019 vide which a show cause notice was issued to the PIO and the Respondent/ PIO was advised to supply the requisite information to the Complainant before the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the APIO, Sh. Mewa Singh submits a letter number 95 dated 27.01.2020 along with other documents in reply to show cause notice which was issued on the previous hearing dated 04.12.2019 and further states that their PIO is on Study Tour to Mumbai and Pune from 28.01.2020 to 31.01.2020. In relating to the information, he states that the information is voluminous in nature and the Complainant can visit their office for inspection and can collect the desired record as per the RTI Application.

On this, the Complainant agrees to the same and requests for the inspection date and time to which the APIO, Sh. Mewa Singh confirms that he would have a word with his seniors and with the other departments and when the record will be available for inspection he will call the Complainant himself as they are from the same office, so it would not be an issue.

The APIO, Sh. Mewa Singh is advised to set the date and time within 15 to 20 days and the Complainant is advised to visit the concerned office for inspection of records after having a word with Sh. Mewa Singh about the date and time of inspection. After inspection he can collect the specific record as he desired through his RTI Application. The concerned PIO and officials are advised to be present there on the decided date and time to facilitate the Complainant for inspection of records. If the Complainant doesn't visit for inspection at the above said date and time then it will be presumed that the Complainant is satisfied and he doesn't require the requisite information anymore and the case will be decided on merits. The Complainant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

The Respondent/PIO is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

**The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 24.03.2020 at 11.00 A. M.**

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**Dated: 28.01.2020**

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...**Complainant**

**V/s.**

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o The Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training,**  
Punjab, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh.

...**Respondents**

**Complaint Case No. 460 of 2019**

**Present:** The Complainant, Sh. Jagjit Singh is present.  
Sh. Mewa Singh, Superintendent –cum- APIO along with Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant is present on behalf of the Respondent/PIO.

**ORDER**

This case was heard on 04.12.2019 vide which a show cause notice was issued to the PIO and the Respondent/ PIO was advised to supply the requisite information to the Complainant before the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the APIO, Sh. Mewa Singh submits a letter number 96 dated 27.01.2020 along with other documents in reply to show cause notice which was issued on the previous hearing and further states that their PIO is on Study Tour to Mumbai and Pune from 28.01.2020 to 31.01.2020. In relating to the information he states that the information is voluminous in nature and the Complainant can visit their office for inspection and can collect the desired record as per the RTI Application.

On this, the Complainant agrees to the same and requests for the inspection date and time to which the APIO, Sh. Mewa Singh confirms that he would have a word with his seniors and with the other departments and when the record will be available for inspection he will call the Complainant himself as they are from the same office, so it would not be an issue.

The APIO, Sh. Mewa Singh is advised to set the date and time within 15 to 20 days and the Complainant is advised to visit the concerned office for inspection of records after having a word with Sh. Mewa Singh about the date and time of inspection. After inspection he can collect the specific record as he desired through his RTI Application. The concerned PIO and officials are advised to be present there on the decided date and time to facilitate the Complainant for inspection of records. If the Complainant doesn't visit for inspection at the above said date and time then it will be presumed that the Complainant is satisfied and he doesn't require the requisite information anymore and the case will be decided on merits. The Complainant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

The Respondent/PIO is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

**The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 24.03.2020 at 11.00 A. M.**

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**Dated: 28.01.2020**

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...Complainant

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training,  
Punjab, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

**Complaint Case No. 461 of 2019**

**Present:** The Complainant, Sh. Jagjit Singh is present.  
Sh. Mewa Singh, Superintendent –cum- APIO along with Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant is present on behalf of the Respondent/PIO.

**ORDER**

This case was heard on 04.12.2019 vide which the Respondent/ PIO was advised to supply the requisite information to the Complainant before the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Sh. Jagjit Singh states that incomplete information has been supplied to him as information relating to letter number 5/10/09-5FP1/1294 dated 21.12.11 is fully pending.

On this, the APIO, Sh. Mewa Singh states that the Complainant can visit their office for inspection and can collect the desired record as per the RTI Application.

On this, the Complainant agrees to the same and requests for the inspection date and time to which the APIO, Sh. Mewa Singh confirms that he would have a word with his seniors and with the other departments and when the record will be available for inspection he will call the Complainant himself as they are from the same office, so it would not be an issue.

The APIO, Sh. Mewa Singh is advised to set the date and time within 15 to 20 days and the Complainant is advised to visit the concerned office for inspection of records after having a word with Sh. Mewa Singh about the date and time of inspection. After inspection he can collect the specific record as he desired through his RTI Application. The concerned PIO and officials are advised to be present there on the decided date and time to facilitate the Complainant for inspection of records. If the Complainant doesn't visit for inspection at the above said date and time then it will be presumed that the Complainant is satisfied and he doesn't require the requisite information anymore and the case will be decided on merits. The Complainant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

The Respondent/PIO is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

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Street Bhani Sahib, Ward No. 8, Dhanaula,  
Distt. Barnala. (148105) M: 9417331355

....Appellant

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Motor Vehicle Registration Department,  
Sangrur. (Pb.)

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

...Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 1297 of 2019

**Present:** The Appellant, Sh. Shakti Bhushan is present.  
Sh. Gurcharan Singh Sandhu, Assistant Transport Officer –cum- PIO is present.

### ORDER

This case was heard on 04.12.2019 with the directions to the Respondent/ PIO to supply the requisite information to the Appellant before the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the PIO, Sh. Gurcharan Singh Sandhu states that this information is available on their website portal and can be accessed by any one. He further submits a letter vide endorsement number 6903 dated 24.01.2020, which is taken on record.

On contrary to this, the Appellant, Sh. Shakti Bhushan states that no information is available online and no information has been supplied to him.

Further, the PIO, Sh. Gurcharan Singh requests the Court that the Appellant could visit their office and he takes the full responsibility that the information sort by the Appellant through his RTI Application will be supplied at the time of inspection.

After discussing with both the parties, the Appellant agrees to visit the concerned office and he is advised to visit the concerned office for inspection of records on **11.02.2020 at 11:00 A.M.** After inspection he can collect the specific record as he desired through his RTI Application. The concerned PIO and officials are directed to be present there on the decided date and time to facilitate the Appellant for inspection of records. If the Appellant doesn't visit for inspection at the above said date and time then it will be presumed that the Appellant is satisfied and he doesn't require the requisite information anymore and the case will be decided on merits. The Appellant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

The PIO is further directed to appear in person along with the copy of challan receipt of Rs. 5000 only after depositing it in the Government Treasury of Punjab Government on the next date of hearing positively, failing which a serious view would be taken against the PIO.

**The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 24.03.2020 at 11.00 A. M.**

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O/o The Motor Vehicle Registration Department,  
Ludhiana (Pb).

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

...Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 1299 of 2019

**Present:** The Appellant, Sh. Shakti Bhushan is present.  
None is present on behalf of the Respondent/PIO.

### ORDER

This case was heard on 04.12.2019 vide which the Appellant was advised to visit the concerned office on 27.12.2019 for inspection of records and to collect the desired record as per his RTI Application.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Shakti Bhushan states that he had visited the concerned office for inspection and there he had met Sh. Aman Rai and Sh. Bedi who helped him in inspecting the records. The record was ready and he was told that he will get the record with in a week but the Respondent/ PIO didn't supply the same.

The Respondent/ PIO is absent in today's hearing but an email dated 27.01.2020 has been received in the Commission vide which they had written that the concerned clerk has to appear in the Criminal Court of Ludhiana so he would not be able to attend the Court and in relating to information they had written that the information is voluminous in nature and they can provide the Appellant the specific record which he desires.

After going through the case file, an opportunity is given to the Respondent/PIO and Respondent/PIO is further directed to supply requisite information (as per RTI Application) to the Appellant **in the form of a CD**, by registered post before the next date of hearing. The Respondent/ PIO concerned is also directed to appear in person or through any of his representative along with the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the Appellant, on the next date of hearing.

The Appellant is advised to go through the requisite 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, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits. The Appellant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

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

...Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 1303 of 2019

**Present:** The Appellant, Sh. Shakti Bhushan is present.  
Sh. Harwinder Singh, Junior Assistant is present on behalf of the Respondent/PIO.

### ORDER

This case was last heard on 04.12.2019 with the directions to the Respondent/ PIO to supply the requisite information to the Appellant before the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Sh. Harwinder Singh handed over the requisite information to the Appellant during the proceedings of the Court.

On this, the Appellant, Sh. Shakti Bhushan states that he is satisfied with the supplied information and requested for closing this Appeal Case i.e. 1303 of 2019 by submitting an acknowledgement receipt dated 28.01.2020 signed by him, which is taken on record.

In view of above, as the information has been supplied to the Appellant and he is satisfied with the same. So, no further intervention is required in this case.

**This case is disposed of and closed.**

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**Dated: 28.01.2020**

**Sd/-  
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Punjab**

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Sh. Shakti Bhushan, S/o Sh. Kewal Krishan,  
Street Bhani Sahib, Ward No. 8, Dhanaula,  
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....Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Motor Vehicle Registration Department,  
Mohali. (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 1302 of 2019

**Present:** The Appellant, Sh. Shakti Bhushan is present.  
Sh. Dharminder Singh, Stenographer is present on behalf of the Respondent/PIO.

### ORDER

This case was heard on 04.12.2019 with the directions to the Respondent/ PIO to supply the requisite information to the Appellant before the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Shakti Bhushan states that unattested 888 pages of information have been supplied to him.

The representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Sh. Dharminder Singh states earlier the Appellant was satisfied and he submits an acknowledgement receipt signed by the Appellant to the Court of his satisfaction but one to two days before Court hearing, he returned the information i.e. 888 pages as it was unattested and the Appellant requested to attest the same.

After hearing both the parties, an opportunity is given to the Respondent/PIO and Respondent/PIO is further directed to supply attested information (as per RTI Application) to the Appellant, by registered post or by hand before the next date of hearing. The Respondent/ PIO concerned is also directed to appear in person or through any of his representative along with the postal receipt through which information would be sent to the Appellant or with the latest acknowledgement receipt signed by the Appellant, on the next date of hearing.

The Appellant is advised to go through the requisite 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, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits. The Appellant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

**The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 24.03.2020 at 11.00 A. M.**

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O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,  
Faridkot. (Pb).

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector-17,  
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 1304 of 2019

**Present:** The Appellant, Sh. Shakti Bhushan is present.  
None is present on behalf of the Respondent/PIO.

### ORDER

This case was heard on 04.12.2019 with the directions to the Respondent/ PIO to supply the requisite information to the Appellant before the next date of hearing and the concerned PIO is directed to deposit the penalty of Rs. 5000/- which was imposed on dated 04.12.2019.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Shakti Bhushan states that incomplete information has been supplied to him till date.

The Respondent/PIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

Commission takes a very serious view of this casual approach of the PIO. In view of above, last opportunity is given to the Respondent/PIO and Respondent/PIO is further directed to supply requisite information (as per RTI Application) to the Appellant, by registered post before the next date of hearing. The PIO concerned is also directed to appear in person along with the postal receipt through which information would be sent to the Appellant and along with the copy of challan receipt after depositing the penalty into the Government Treasury, on the next date of hearing, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO O/o The Motor Vehicle Registration Department O/o Secretary, RTA, Faridkot.

The Appellant is advised to go through the requisite 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, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits. The Appellant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

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**Sh. Jaspal Singh S/o Sh. Mohinder Singh,**

New Bedi Colony, Phase – II,  
Backside Bhagat Singh Colony,  
Ferozpur City (152002) (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

**(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, (By Name)**

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,  
Jiwandeep Building, Sector 17, Chandigarh

**(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer (By Name)**

O/o The Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot (Pb.).

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,  
Jiwandeep Building, Sector 17, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 1221 of 2019

**Present:** None is present on behalf of the Appellant.

Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer –cum- PIO from STC office is present.

### ORDER

This case was last heard on 04.12.2019 vide which the concerned PIO was directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant before the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

The PIO, Sh. Piara Singh states that they had already transferred the RTI to the Secretary RTA, Faridkot under Section 6(3) vide letter dated 02.11.2018 and the same has been taken on record by the Court of undersigned vide orders dated 10.07.2019 and he further requests for an exemption from further hearings relating to this case.

On this, Advocate, Sh. Jaspreet Singh states that he had a word with the department and the concerned official states that they found the transferred letter yesterday and further assures they will supply the information to the Appellant before the next date of hearing. Commission takes a very serious view as Sh. Jaspreet Singh states that the department found the letter (vide which the RTI has been transferred) yesterday which is unacceptable as it's been more than one and a half year and still no information has been supplied to the Appellant.

It has also been observed that Sh. Jaspreet Singh, Advocate submits a copy of 'Authority Letter' dated 16.01.2020, which is not original and the signatures put on the that paper is not of Secretary, it is signed by 'For Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot' which is also not in original form.

As per a letter number 315 dated 22.01.2020 signed by the Special Secretary, Department of Home Affairs and Justice (Judicial – II Branch), referred that as per provisions of Para 8 - G (b) and (c) of "Punjab Dispute Resolution and Litigation Policy, 2018", which provide as under ;

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- (b) *The other State entities are to be represented by Lawyers from a panel of Lawyers drawn up in Consultation with the Advocate General and matters will be allocated to such Lawyers by the Advocate General;*
- (c) *If so required in the public interest/Government interests, the Department/State entity may avail the service of other senior Counsel/experts for reasons to be recorded in writing as the procedure prescribed, after taking the concurrence of the Advocate General ;*

Accordingly, as per the above provisions, the State entities are to be represented by Lawyers from a panel of Lawyers drawn up in Consultation with the Advocate General as it is doubtful if the Advocates appearing in the Punjab State Information Commission on behalf of State Government have been engaged out of panel drawn by the Advocate General, Punjab and requested to ensure that the State Government may be represented by the authorized Law officers and the provisions of “Punjab Dispute Resolution and Litigation Policy, 2018” are taken care while doing the practice.

Despite of giving several opportunities to the PIO and still information has not been supplied to the Appellant. So, for making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer, The Secretary, Regional Transport Officer, Faridkot. **A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.**

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

<b>Major Head</b>	<b>.. 0070 -Other Administrative Services</b>
<b>Subj-Major Head</b>	<b>.. 60 - Other Services</b>
<b>Minor Head</b>	<b>.. 800 - Other Receipts</b>
<b>Sub-Head</b>	<b>.. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005</b>
<b>Detailed Head</b>	<b>.. 0070 Other Administrative Services</b>
	<b>60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-</b>
	<b>86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005</b>

The request of exemption made by Sh. Piara Singh has been accepted and the O/o STC, Chandigarh is exempted for future hearings relating to this case. Last and final opportunity is given to the concerned PIO i.e. The Secretary RTA, Fardikot and he is directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the Appellant and he is further directed to appear in person along with the postal receipt vide which



the information has been sent to the Appellant and also submits a copy of challan receipt to the Commission after depositing the penalty into the Government Treasury, on the next date of hearing positively.

The Appellant is advised to go through the requisite 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, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits. The Appellant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

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...Appellant

V/s

## Public Information Officer,

O/o The Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Bathinda (Punjab)

## First Appellate Authority,

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,  
Jiwandeep Building, Sector 17,  
Chandigarh

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1220 of 2019

**Present:** None is present on behalf of the Appellant.  
**None is present from O/o RTA, Bathinda.**

#### ORDER

This case was last heard on 04.12.2019 vide which a show cause notice was issued and the concerned PIO was directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant before the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

After going through the case file, it is observed that a letter number 4292 dated 06.01.2020 which has been received in the Commission vide email dated 06.01.2020 in which they had mentioned that the information had already been supplied to the Appellant, which is taken on record. It has also been observed that Sh. Jaspreet Singh, Advocate submits an 'Authority Letter' dated 24.01.2020, which is not acceptable. As per a letter number 315 dated 22.01.2020 signed by the Special Secretary, Department of Home Affairs and Justice (Judicial – II Branch), referred that as per provisions of Para 8 - G (b) and (c) of "Punjab Dispute Resolution and Litigation Policy, 2018", which provide as under ;

- (b) *The other State entities are to be represented by Lawyers from a panel of Lawyers drawn up in Consultation with the Advocate General and matters will be allocated to such Lawyers by the Advocate General;*
- (c) *If so required in the public interest/Government interests, the Department/State entity may avail the service of other senior Counsel/experts for reasons to be recorded in writing as the procedure prescribed, after taking the concurrence of the Advocate General ;*



## **Appeal Case No. 1220 of 2019**

Accordingly, as per the above provisions, the State entities are to be represented by Lawyers from a panel of Lawyers drawn up in Consultation with the Advocate General as it is doubtful if the Advocates appearing in the Punjab State Information Commission on behalf of State Government have been engaged out of panel drawn by the Advocate General, Punjab and requested to ensure that the State Government may be represented by the authorized Law officers and the provisions of "Punjab Dispute Resolution and Litigation Policy, 2018" are taken care while doing the practice.

Last opportunity is given to the Appellant and he is advised to go through the requisite 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, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits. The Appellant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

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Kharar, Distt. Mohali (140301).  
M: 9872015069

...Appellant

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,  
Bathinda.

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

... Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 3091 of 2019

**Present:** The Appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh is present.  
**None is present from O/o RTA, Bathinda.**

### ORDER

This case was last heard on 04.12.2019 vide which a show cause notice was issued and the concerned PIO was directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant before the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that a letter number 4421 dated 20.01.2020 has been received in the Commission vide email dated 24.01.2020 in which it has been written that the information which has been requested by the Appellant is in question form and information relating to point number 1 to 3 is voluminous in nature. So, they are unable to create the same.

It has also been observed that Sh. Jaspreet Singh, Advocate submits an 'Authority Letter' dated 24.01.2020, which is not acceptable. As per a letter number 315 dated 22.01.2020 signed by the Special Secretary, Department of Home Affairs and Justice (Judicial – II Branch), referred that as per provisions of Para 8 - G (b) and (c) of "Punjab Dispute Resolution and Litigation Policy, 2018", which provide as under ;

- (b) *The other State entities are to be represented by Lawyers from a panel of Lawyers drawn up in Consultation with the Advocate General and matters will be allocated to such Lawyers by the Advocate General;*
- (c) *If so required in the public interest/Government interests, the Department/State entity may avail the service of other senior Counsel/experts for reasons to be recorded in writing as the procedure prescribed, after taking the concurrence of the Advocate General ;*

## **Appeal Case No. 3091 of 2019**



Accordingly, as per the above provisions, the State entities are to be represented by Lawyers from a panel of Lawyers drawn up in Consultation with the Advocate General as it is doubtful if the Advocates appearing in the Punjab State Information Commission on behalf of State Government have been engaged out of panel drawn by the Advocate General, Punjab and requested to ensure that the State Government may be represented by the authorized Law officers and the provisions of "Punjab Dispute Resolution and Litigation Policy, 2018" are taken care while doing the practice.

The PIO/Respondent is directed **to supply information relating to point number 1 , 2 and 3 only except point number 4 and 5 of the RTI Application as both (i.e. 4 and 5) of them are in question form** to the Appellant, by registered post before the next date of hearing. The PIO concerned is also directed to appear in person along with the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the Appellant, on the next date of hearing.

The Appellant is advised to go through the requisite 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, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits. The Appellant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

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Faridkot.

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

... Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 3095 of 2019

**Present:** The Appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh is present.  
**None is present from O/o RTA, Faridkot.**

### ORDER

This case was last heard on 04.12.2019 vide which a show cause notice was issued and the concerned PIO was directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant before the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that a letter number 2506 dated 17.01.2020 has been received the Commission vide email dated 20.01.2020 in which it has been written as per CWP 6454 /2011 they can only provide the information which is in ready form and in this case, they are unable to create the same. They have further written that the information relating to point number 4 is in question form.

It has also been observed that Sh. Jaspreet Singh, Advocate submits an 'Authority Letter' dated 16.01.2020, which is not acceptable. As per a letter number 315 dated 22.01.2020 signed by the Special Secretary, Department of Home Affairs and Justice (Judicial – II Branch), referred that as per provisions of Para 8 - G (b) and (c) of "Punjab Dispute Resolution and Litigation Policy, 2018", which provide as under ;

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## **Appeal Case No. 3095 of 2019**



Accordingly, as per the above provisions, the State entities are to be represented by Lawyers from a panel of Lawyers drawn up in Consultation with the Advocate General as it is doubtful if the Advocates appearing in the Punjab State Information Commission on behalf of State Government have been engaged out of panel drawn by the Advocate General, Punjab and requested to ensure that the State Government may be represented by the authorized Law officers and the provisions of "Punjab Dispute Resolution and Litigation Policy, 2018" are taken care while doing the practice.

The PIO/Respondent is directed **to supply information relating to point number 1 , 2 and 3 only except point number 4 and 5 of the RTI Application as both (i.e. 4 and 5) of them are in question form** to the Appellant, by registered post before the next date of hearing. The PIO concerned is also directed to appear in person along with the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the Appellant, on the next date of hearing.

The Appellant is advised to go through the requisite 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, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits. The Appellant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

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First Appellate Authority,  
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Sector -17, Chandigarh.

... Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 3092 of 2019

**Present:** The Appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh is present.  
**None is present from O/o RTA, Bathinda.**

### ORDER

This case was last heard on 04.12.2019 vide which a show cause notice was issued and the concerned PIO was directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant before the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that a letter number 4423 dated 20.01.2020 which has been received in the Commission vide email dated 24.01.2020 in which it has been written as per CWP 6454 /2011 they can only provide the information which is in ready form and in this case, they are unable to create the same.

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## **Appeal Case No. 3092 of 2019**



Accordingly, as per the above provisions, the State entities are to be represented by Lawyers from a panel of Lawyers drawn up in Consultation with the Advocate General as it is doubtful if the Advocates appearing in the Punjab State Information Commission on behalf of State Government have been engaged out of panel drawn by the Advocate General, Punjab and requested to ensure that the State Government may be represented by the authorized Law officers and the provisions of "Punjab Dispute Resolution and Litigation Policy, 2018" are taken care while doing the practice.

The PIO/Respondent is directed **to supply information** to the Appellant, by registered post before the next date of hearing. The PIO concerned is also directed to appear in person along with the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the Appellant, on the next date of hearing.

The Appellant is advised to go through the requisite 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, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits. The Appellant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

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