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Sh. Manjinder Singh, # 2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector-125, Kharar, Distt Mohali.

Versus

Public Information Officer,O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o State Transport Commissioner.

...Respondent

... Appellant

Appeal Case No. 119 of 2019

Present: Sh.Manjinder Singh as Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

Pb, Chandigarh.

The case was last heard on 09.04.2019. The appellant claimed that no information has been provided to him. The respondent handed over some information to the appellant. The appellant was not satisfied and stated that the PIO has only provided fitness certificates of the vehicles issued but has not provided the number of driving licenses issued month-wise.

Having gone through the RTI application and the reply of the PIO, the Commission observed that the points 2 & 3 had been adequately addressed. Regarding points 1 & 4, the PIO was directed to relook at the RTI application and provide the information as per RTI application. The PIO is directed to explain the reasons for not attending to the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act.

Hearing dated 28.05.2019:

The appellant informed that despite order of the Commission, the PIO has not provided the information.

The respondent is absent. There has been an enormous delay of eight months in providing the information. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO to show cause why penalty be not imposed on the PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time, He/She should file an affidavit in this regard, if there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission alongwih the written replies.

The PIO is again directed to provide the information to the appellant within 10 days.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **05.08.2019 at 11.00 AM.**

Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh Dated 28.05.2019

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Distt Mohali.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

... Appellant

Appeal Case No. 120 of 2019

Present: Sh.Manjinder Singh as Appellant

Sh. Harkanwal Singh, Data Entry Operator for the Respondent

ORDER:

The case was last heard on 09.04.2019. The appellant claimed that no information has been provided to him.

The respondent present pleaded that the information was sent to the appellant vide letter dated 22.10.2018 even though no proof was brought for dispatch of the information. The respondent handed over a copy of the information to the appellant. The appellant pointed out the discrepancies in points 1 & 4 and stated that the PIO has not provided the information month-wise. The PIO was directed to sort out the discrepancies in the information regarding points 1 & 4. The PIO was also directed to explain the reasons for not attending to the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act.

Hearing dated 28.05.2019:

The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant informed that he has received the information and is satisfied.

Since the information has been provided, no further course of action is required. The case is disposed off and closed.

Chandigarh
Dated 28.05.2019

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... Appellant

Sh. Manjinder Singh, # 2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector-125, Kharar, Distt Mohali.

Versus

Public Information Officer,O/o Regional Transport Authority,

Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 121 of 2019

Present: Sh.Manjinder Singh as Appellant

Sh.Gurdev Singh, Junior Assistant, O/o RTA Amritsar for the Respondent

ORDER:

The case was last heard on 09.04.2019. The appellant claimed that no information has been provided to him. The respondent present had brought some information and handed over to the appellant. The appellant stated that the PIO has not provided the break up of the information. The PIO was directed to provide break up of the information.

During the hearing, it was observed that the PIO had earlier denied the information without citing any valid reason, and now stands provided after the notice of the Commission, the PIO was issued a **show cause notice under section 20 of the RTI Act for denial of information in an arbitrary manner and the PIO** was directed to file reply on an affidavit. If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission alongwih the written replies.

The PIO was directed to provide break up of the information regarding points 1 & 4.

Hearing dated 28.05.2019:

The respondent present informed that in compliance with the order of the Commission, the information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant has pointed out some discrepancy in the information. The PIO is directed to sort out the discrepancies within 10 days.

In the last hearing, it was observed that the PIO had earlier denied the information and provided after the notice of the Commission. The PIO was issued a show cause notice and the directed to file reply on an affidavit. The respondent has not brought any reply to the show cause. The PIO is given one more opportunity to submit reply to the show cause notice and appear personally on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **05.08.2019 at 11.00 AM**.

Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh Dated 28.05.2019

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... Appellant

Sh. Manjinder Singh, # 2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector-125, Kharar, Distt Mohali.

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority, O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 122 of 2019

Present: Sh.Manjinder Singh as Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER: The case was last heard on 09.04.2019. The appellant claimed that no information has been provided to him. The respondent was absent without intimation to the Commission. The PIO was directed to look at the RTI application and provide the information within 15 days and be present on the next date of hearing alongwith the reasons for not attending to the RTI application.

Hearing dated 28.05.2019:

The appellant informed that despite order of the Commission, the PIO has not provided the information.

The respondent is absent without intimation to the Commission. There has been an enormous delay of eight months in providing the information. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO to show cause why penalty be not imposed on the PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time, He/She should file an affidavit in this regard, if there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission alongwih the written replies.

The PIO is again directed to provide the information to the appellant within 10 days.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on 05.08.2019 at 11.00 AM.

Chandigarh
Dated 28.05.2019

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Sh. Ajit Singh, S/o Sh.Gurcharan Singh, Village Arnauli, P.O Morinda, Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib, Distt.Roopnagar.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Deputy Chief Engineer, Operational Division, PSPCL, Roopnagar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Chief Engineer, Operational (South), PSPCL, Patiala.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 128 of 2019

Present: Sh.Gurjant Singh on behalf of the Appellant

Sh.Bawa Singh, SDO-cum-APIO, PSPCL Roopnagar for the Respondent

ORDER:

The case was last heard on 09.04.2019. The respondent present informed that the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 17.04.2019. The Commission observed that the PIO had provided partial information regarding point-1 and denied the disclosure of information on point-2. However, the exemption of disclosure of information was not specifically quantified that why this information was being denied.

The respondent present also pleaded that the information is voluminous in nature and there are about 1000 files which approximately will lead to 7000 pages of information sought. The appellant was represented by Sh.Gurjant Singh who was not aware of the information sought. The case was adjourned for adjudication on the next date of hearing.

Hearing dated 28.05.2019:

The respondent present reiterated that the information is voluminous and will consist of around 7000 pages. The appellant is again absent and is being represented by Sh.Gurjant Singh who is not aware of the information.

The Commission directs the appellant to inspect the record and get the information not more than 100 pages. The PIO is directed to provide the information upto 100 pages. The PIO is also directed to explain the reasons for delay in providing the information.

The case is adjourned. Both the parties to be present on **05.08.2019** at **11.00 AM** for further hearing.

Chandigarh Dated 28.05.2019

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Sh. Gurmukh Singh, S/o Sh.Mohinder Singh, H No-610, Sector-11, Preet Nagar, Kharar. Distt.Mohlai.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o General Manager, PRTC, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, O/o PRTC, Head Officer, Patiala.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 143 of 2019

Present: Sh.Gurmukh Singh as the Appellant

Mrs.Meena Bansal, PIO O/o GM PRTC Chandigarh for the Respondent

ORDER: The case was last heard on 09.04.2019. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 03.04.2019. The appellant was not satisfied. The respondent further informed that since the dealing official has been on medical leave, the complete information could not be provided and the remaining information will be provided on joining the dealing official.

Since there had been an enormous delay of seven months, the PIO was issued a **show** cause notice under section 20 of the RTI Act and the PIO was directed to file reply on an affidavit. The PIO was also directed to provide the information within a week and be present personally on the next date of hearing.

Hearing dated 28.05.2019:

The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant again vide letter dated 12.04.2019 and a copy submitted to the Commission. In the reply, the PIO has mentioned that as per record available, the appellant had not filed claim for reimbursement of TA bills from January 2013 to December 2013 and that no reimbursement was made. The appellant has shown a document that he had filed claim for reimbursement of TA but the reimbursement was not made. Senior authority of the department is directed to look into the matter and resolve it as per provisions of the Department.

The respondent has not brought any reply to the show cause and says that the delay has occurred at the level of previous PIO Sh.Gurvinder Singh who has been now transferred and posted at Head Office Patiala. Sh.Gurvinder Singh, PRTC Patiala (earlier PIO-PRTC Chandigarh) is hereby directed to reply to the show cause notice issued for not supplying the information within the time prescribed under the RTI Act and appear personally on the next date of hearing alongwith the reply on an affidavit.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on 05.08.2019 at 11.00 AM.

Sd/-

Chandigarh Dated 28.05.2019 (KhushwantSingh)
State Information Commissioner

CC to: Sh.Gurvinder Singh, O/o PRTC,
Patiala(Earlier PIO-PRTC Chandigarh)

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Sh. Inderjeet Singh, # 504, Phase3A, Mohali.

. . . Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Chief Administrator, GMADA, Sector-62, Mohali.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 1080 of 2018

Present: Sh.Inderjeet Singh as Complainant

Sh.Gulshan Kumar, PIO for the Respondent

ORDER: The case was first heard on **09.01.2019**. The appellant pleaded that no information has been provided to him. The respondent was absent. The PIO was directed to provide the information within 10 days and be present personally or through a representative on the next date of hearing alongwith the reasons for delay in attending to the RTI application.

The case was again heard on **26.02.2019.** The respondent present pleaded the information has been provided to the complainant on 20.04.2018. The complainant was not satisfied and stated that his name is not figure in the information that has been provided. The respondent stated that there is some typographical mistake in the action taken report and they shall rectify and provide the same to the complainant.

The PIO was directed to send a corrigendum to the complainant stating exact detail and correct the mistake. Rest of the information stands provided.

The case was last heard on **30.04.2019**. The respondent present pleaded that since the earlier Assistant who was handling the case, has been suspended due to some irregularities in another case and the new assistant has just joined one & half months back, the information has been delayed. The respondent sought time and assured to provide the information within 10 days.

The appellant said that he is 80 years old and being harassed for not supplying the information. The Commission directed the PIO to sort out the matter within 10 days and provide the information as per earlier order which still stands. The PIO was also directed to send a compliance report to the Commission.

Hearing dated 28.05.2019:

The respondent present pleaded that in compliance with the order of the Commission, necessary rectification has been made in the action taken report and corrigendum sent to the appellant on 22.05.2019. A copy of same is submitted to the Commission. The appellant is still not satisfied and says that the PIO has not taken appropriate action on his application dated 18.08.2017.

I have gone through the RTI application and the information provided and find that the information has been provided to the best possible extent. However, a copy of the appellant's letter dated 18.08.2017 is handed over to the respondent with a direction to send an appropriate reply to the appellant as per norms within 10 days.

With the above order, the case is **disposed off and closed**.

Sd/Chandigarh (Khushwant Singh)
Dated: 28.05.2019 State Information Commissioner

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Sh. Inderjeet Singh, # 504, Phase-3-A, Mohali.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Estate Office, GMADA, Sector-62, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Chief Administration, GMADA, Sec-62, Mohali.

...Respondent

Appellant Case No. 3410 of 2018

Present: Sh.Inderjeet Singh as Appellant

Sh.Gulshan Kumar PIO GMADA for the Respondent

ORDER:

The case was first heard on 09.01.2019. The appellant stated that the information has not been provided as per the RTI application. Having gone through the file, the Commission found that the information had been provided by the PIO on first 2 points and regarding 3rd point, the PIO stated that the file is missing. The PIO was directed to trace out the file diligently and provide the information on point No.3 within 15 days. If the file was missing, the PIO to submit complete enquiry report which establishes that the file is missing. The Commission will not consider the file missing until and unless there is an enquiry which establishes that the file is not traceable.

The case was again heard on **26.02.2019.** The respondent present pleaded that the file has been traced and the information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant was not satisfied and stated that his name does not figure in the action taken report. The respondent stated that there is some typographic mistake in the action taken report and they shall rectify and provide the same to the complainant. The PIO was directed send a corrigendum to the complainant stating exact detail and correct the mistake. Rest of the information stands provided.

The case was last heard on **30.04.2019.** The respondent present pleaded that since the earlier Assistant who was handling the case, has been suspended due to some irregularities in another case and the new assistant has just joined one & half months back, the information has been delayed. The respondent sought time and assured to provide the information within 10 days.

The appellant stated that he is 80 years old and being harassed for not supplying the information. The Commission directed the PIO to sort out the matter within 10 days and provide the information as per earlier order which still stands. The PIO to send a compliance report to the Commission.

Appellant Case No. 3410 of 2018

Hearing dated 28.05.2019:

The respondent present pleaded that in compliance with the order of the Commission, necessary rectification has been made in the action taken report and corrigendum sent to the appellant on 22.05.2019. A copy of same is submitted to the Commission.

I have gone through the RTI application and the information provided by the PIO and find that the information has been provided to the best possible extent.

No further course of action is required. The case is disposed off and closed.

Sd/-

Chandigarh Dated: 28.05.2019.

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Dr Ashish Kapoor, First Floor Annexe, H No-695, Phase-2. Mohali.

....Appellant.

ficer.

Public Information Officer, O/o A.E.O, GMADA, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Estate Officer, GMADA, Mohahli.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2017 of 2018

Versus

Present: None for the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The case was last heard on **13.08.2018**. The respondent present pleaded that the information available with them relating to 5 sectors has been provided to the appellant and the sector 72 & 73 are allotted to societies. The other sectors i.e. Sector 48 to 54 are in Chandigarh. The PIO was directed to give the same in writing within 5 days to the appellant.

With the above order, the case was disposed off and closed.

Since the PIO did not comply with the order of the Commission, the PIO was asked vide letter dated 22.10.2018 to provide the information to the appellant before 06.11.2018 under intimation to the Commission through registered post.

The information seeker vide email brought to the notice of the Commission that the information has not been provided to him. The PIO through registered notice dated 10.05.2019 was called upon to appear before the Commission on 28.05.2019 alongwith written reply on an affidavit.

The respondent is absent. The Commission has received a letter diary No.10435 on 27.05.2019 from the PIO that the information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant is absent and vide email has sought exemption. The appellant has further informed that he has still not received the information.

The PIO is hereby given one more opportunity to provide complete information to the appellant and be present on the next date of hearing alongwith the written reply on an affidavit.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing **05.08.2019 at 11.00AM**.

Chandigarh Dated: 28.05.2019