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Shri Trilochan Singh  
S/o Late Shri Gurbachan Singh  
R/o 848-A, MIG, PHB Colony,  
Jamalpur, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o The Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Faridkot.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

State Transport Commissioner,  
Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No.1907 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Appellant- absent.**  
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER**

1. The RTI application is dated 26.07.2019 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 26.08.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 20.07.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 29.09.2020 by the Commission through Cisco Webex and accordingly, the case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Trilochan Singh, appellant is absent for today's hearing.

3. Neither the PIO nor any official of Secretary, R.T.A., Faridkot comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. However, a letter dated 04.09.2020 has been received from the PIO giving point-wise reply to the RTI application of the appellant. It has also been stated therein that the appellant has sought similar information in another Appeal Case No.1962/2020 and has requested to dispose off the case.

4. The Bench observes that absence of the appellant obstructs the proceedings of the hearing and its ultimate settlement thereof. With a view to ensure that the appellant is also heard, he is contacted on Mobile phone repeatedly. But he does not respond. The Bench observes that this attitude of the appellant is

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vexatious and uncalled for as firstly, he is absent from the hearing even through Cisco Webex and then he does not respond to repeated attempts to contact him on mobile phone.

6. The Bench examines the reply filed by the PIO and is of the opinion that the appellant has been supplied information adequately.

7. In view of the above, no further action by the Bench is called for. **The appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
29.09.2020**

**Sd/-  
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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O/o The Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

State Transport Commissioner,  
Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No.1961 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Appellant- absent.**  
(ii) **Shri Gurpreet Singh, Section Officer/ PIO, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Amritsar.**

**ORDER**

**(Heard Through Cisco Webex)**

1. The RTI application is dated 26.07.2019 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 26.08.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 27.07.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). He has also filed a similar appeal case (AC No.1903 of 2020) on 20.07.2020 in the Commission on similar subject matter.

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 29.09.2020 by the Commission through Cisco Webex and accordingly, the case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Trilochan Singh, appellant is absent for today's hearing.

3. Shri Gurpreet Singh, Section Officer/PIO, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Amritsar attends the hearing through Cisco Webex. He refers to a letter dated 22.09.2020 sent to the Commission that the appellant has not enclosed complete copy of his Id. Proof i.e. Aadhar card and thus, has not disclosed his identity which is in violation of the provisions under RTI Act. He further states that the appellant has enclosed front side of Aadhar Card and hence, details such as his address proof are missing.

4. The PIO is apprised that the appellant is absent, as such, his version cannot be heard. The Bench further apprises him that Bench cannot arrive at a conclusion without hearing both the parties. The Bench observes that absence of the appellant obstructs the proceedings of the hearing and its ultimate settlement thereof. With a view to ensure that the appellant is also heard, he is contacted on mobile phone repeatedly. But he does not respond. The Bench observes that this attitude of the appellant is vexatious and

vexatious and uncalled for as firstly, he is absent from the hearing through Cisco Webex and then he does not respond to repeated attempts to contact him on mobile phone.

5. The Bench on perusal of the RTI applications in both the cases i.e. AC No.1903 and 1961 of 2020, observes that the appellant had filed Appeal Case No.1903 in the Commission on 20.07.2020 and now the Appeal Case No.1961 of 2020 on 27.07.2020. In Appeal Case No.1961, the appellant has given a self-declaration that the matter under appeal or complaint have not been previously filed or pending or decided by any of the State Information Commissioner, Punjab. Even the postal order number and the number of postal receipt affixed on RTI application are the same. The contents of the RTI Application in Appeal Case No.1961 of 2020 falsify the declaration given by the appellant. As such, he is not entitled to seek similar information by filing two separate appeal cases with the same public authority.

6. With the aforesaid observations, **the appeal case is dismissed**. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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O/o The Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Faridkot.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**  
State Transport Commissioner,  
Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No.1962 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Appellant- absent.**  
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER**

1. The RTI application is dated 26.07.2019 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 26.08.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 27.07.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 29.09.2020 by the Commission through Cisco Webex and accordingly, the case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Trilochan Singh, appellant is absent for today's hearing.

3. Neither the PIO nor any official of Secretary, R.T.A., Faridkot comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. However, a letter dated 04.09.2020 has been received from the PIO giving point-wise reply to the RTI application of the appellant. It has also been stated therein that the appellant has sought similar information in another Appeal Case No.1907/2020 and has requested to dispose off the case.

4. The Bench observes that absence of the appellant obstructs the proceedings of the hearing and its ultimate settlement thereof. With a view to ensure that the appellant is also heard, he is contacted on mobile phone repeatedly. But he does not respond. The Bench observes that this attitude of the appellant is

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vexatious and uncalled for, as firstly, he is absent from the hearing even through Cisco Webex and then he does not respond to repeated attempts to contact him on mobile phone.

6. The Bench on perusal of the RTI applications in both the cases i.e. AC No.1907/2020 and AC No.1962/2020, observes that the appellant had filed Appeal Case No.1907 in the Commission on 20.07.2020 and the Appeal Case No.1962 of 2020 on 27.07.2020. In Appeal Case No.1962, the appellant has given a self- declaration that the matter under appeal or complaint has not been previously filed or pending or decided by any of the State Information Commissioner, Punjab. Even the postal order number and the number of postal receipt affixed on RTI application are the same. The contents of the RTI Application in Appeal Case No.1962 of 2020 falsify the declaration given by the appellant. As such, he is not entitled to seek similar information by filing two separate appeal cases with the same public authority.

7. With the aforesaid observations, **the appeal case is dismissed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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House No.74, Raghbir Marg,  
Patiala-147001.

.....Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o The Executive Officer,  
Municipal Council, Doraha,  
District Patiala.

**Remanded Back**

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Shri Amit Bembay,  
Regional Deputy Director,  
Urban Local Bodies, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**CC No.481 of 2020**

**PRESENT:**

- (i) Shri Kesar Singh, complainant
- (ii) Shri Gurbakhshish Singh, Executive Officer, M.C. Doraha, Distt. Ludhiana  
on behalf of the PIO.

**ORDER:**

**( Heard Through Cisco Webex/Contacted on Mobile Phone)**

1. The RTI application is dated 14.02.2020 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 28.07.2020 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act)
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 29.09.2020 by the Commission through Cisco Webex. Accordingly, the complaint case has been heard today through Cisco Webex.
3. The complainant has come present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has been provided incomplete information. He states that that he has been provided only two documents, that too without attestation by the PIO.
4. The PIO has come present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. But due to poor connectivity with him, he could not be heard clearly. As such, he is contacted on mobile phone. He states that



reply to the complainant has been sent vide letter dated 16.03.2020. He further states that the complainant is seeking copies of the correspondence exchanged by two persons i.e. Harbans Singh and Balbir Singh with the Municipal Council. It is reported that the information relates to a dispute between the brothers with regard to division of family property.

5. From perusal of the record as available on the file, it is ascertained that the complainant has not availed the provision of the Section 19(1) of the RTI Act by filing an appeal with the First Appellate Authority (FAA). As such the FAA has not been able to address the grievances of the complainant.

6. It must be noted that there is an alternate and efficacious remedy of First Appeal available under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act. It appears that the complainant has failed to avail the same in the instant case.

7. In view of the aforesaid, the instant matter is remanded back to the First Appellate Authority, i.e. Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Ludhiana. The Commission hereby directs the FAA to treat the copy of the Complaint (enclosed herewith) as the First Appeal and decide the matter in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act after giving all concerned parties an opportunity to be heard. In case, the complainant is not satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority (FAA), he is at liberty to file second appeal with Punjab State Information Commission in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

8. In view of the above, **the case is disposed off and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh  
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