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**Tejinder Singh** (Advocate),

Village Bholapur,

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Ludhiana-141123

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority (RTA),

Faridkot.

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o State Transport Commissioner,

Punjab, Chandigarh.

## **Appeal Case No. 2789 of 2019**

### **PRESENT:**

Tejinder Singh (Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

### **ORDER:**

1.The RTI application is dated 24.4.19 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding to vehicle transfers, reassignment, tax defaulters, checking of school buses etc. as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.08.19 under section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act).

2.The appellant, Tejinder Singh, has sent an email to the Commission that he cannot appear at the today's hearing since he is busy in judicial court at Ludhiana.

3.This Commission gives one more opportunity for the appellant and respondent to present their case at the next hearing.

### **4.Next hearing on 21.11.19 at 11:00 am.**

Sd/-

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Regional Transport Authority,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o State Transport Commissioner,  
Punjab, Chandigarh.

## **Appeal Case No. 2791 of 2019**

### **PRESENT:**

Tejinder Singh (Appellant) Absent  
(Respondent) Absent

### **ORDER:**

1.The RTI application is dated 17.4.19 vide which the appellant has sought information pertaining to the action taken on the STC's Letter No. 185208 dated 21.12.18 along with newspaper clippings, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.08.19 under section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act).

2.The appellant, Tejinder Singh, has sent an email to the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing since he has to attend a judicial court at Ludhiana. The respondent PIO has also emailed a request for an alternate date.

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Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Municipal Council ,  
Nawanshahar,  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Deputy Director,  
Local Government,  
Jalandhar.

## **Appeal Case No. 2797 of 2019**

### **PRESENT:**

Tejinder Singh (Appellant) Absent  
Yashpal Khapar (Respondent) 98724-91378

### **ORDER:**

1.The RTI application is dated 16.5.19 vide which the appellant has sought voluminous information pertaining to footpaths, encroachments thereon, list of illegal “kabzas”, details of MC vehicles, fees received for residential and commercial building plans and record of property transfers etc. from July 2013 to 16.5.2019, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 1.8.19 under section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act).

2.The appellant, Tejinder Singh, Advocate has sent an e-mail to the Commission that he is unable to attend this hearing but also submitting that he has received the information he requested from MC Nawanshahar and is satisfied with it.

3.The respondent PIO, represented by Yashpal Khapar, Junior Engineer, has submitted a copy of the information that was purportedly sent to the appellant by registered post on 11.6.19. this was also intimated to this Commission via a letter from the respondent PIO on 17.9.19.

4.The appellant is advised in future to: a) inform the Commission well in advance of his inability to attend hearings, and b)intimate the Commission of any submission regarding his requested information well before the scheduled date of hearing. This would avoid

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unnecessary harassment to the respondent, who has had to travel all the way from Nawanshahar to Chandigarh for today's hearing.

5. There is no further cause for action and this appeal case is herewith **CLOSED.**

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**Ravinder Kataria,**

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Dugri Road, Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority (RTA),  
Sangrur.

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

## **Appeal Case No. 2798 of 2019**

### **PRESENT:**

Ravinder Kataria (Appellant) 94631-33590  
(Respondent) Absent

### **ORDER:**

1.The RTI application is dated 6.5.19 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding the issue and renewal of commercial licenses, copies of driving test results at the State Institute of Automotive & Driving Skills, Mahuana and copies of certificates issued to driving test candidates by the Indian Red Cross Society from 1.1.19 to 30.4.19, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 1.8.19 under section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act).

2.The respondent PIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission. This Commission gives the respondent one more opportunity to reply to the RTI application, which is more than four months old. As per the appellant's submission at this hearing, he has had absolutely no response from either the respondent PIO or the FAA till date.

3.The respondent PIO is directed to appear in person at the next hearing on 29.11.19. Failing this, penal action could be initiated against him as per the RTI Act 2005.

### **4. Next hearing on 29.11.19 at 11:00 am.**

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Ludhiana.

Versus

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o/o Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority (RTA),  
Bathinda.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o State Transport Commissioner,  
Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

## **Appeal Case No. 2799 of 2019**

### **PRESENT:**

Ravinder Kataria (Appellant) 94631-33590  
(Respondent) Absent

### **ORDER:**

1.The RTI application is dated 6.5.19 vide which the appellant has sought information pertaining to the period 31.12.18 to 18.1.19 regarding passing of vehicles, registration certificates, taxes and fees deposited and pollution certificates etc., as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.08.19 under section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act).

2.The respondent has emailed the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing since he is required to be in the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

3.Meanwhile, in a reply to the Commission's notice of 5.9.19, the respondent has contended that the appellant's RTI request is in the form of questions and does not seek particular documents in the custody of the public authority. The respondent has also cited observations by the Central Information Commission as well as petition no. (419 of 2007) in

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Bombay High Court. Copy of this reply has been handed over to the appellant with the advice that he can submit a legally premised reply to sustain his information request.

**4. Next hearing is on 29.11.19 at 11:00 am.**

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Versus

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o/o Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority (RTA),  
Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o State Transport Commissioner,  
Punjab, Chandigarh.

## **Appeal Case No. 2800 of 2019**

### **PRESENT:**

Ravinder Kataria(Appellant) 94631-33590

Dharmvir, Junior Assistant (for the Respondent) 73800-55120

### **ORDER:**

1.The RTI application is dated 6.5.19 vide which the appellant has sought information pertaining to the period 1.1.19 to 30.4.19 regarding renewal of commercial licenses, certificates submitted by candidates etc., as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.08.19 under section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act).

2.The respondent PIO, represented by Dharmvir, Junior Assistant, has submitted a written reply along with a copy of information requested by the appellant. However, as per the appellant, the supplied information pertaining to points no. 2 and 3 is incomplete.

3. With concurrence of this Commission, the respondent has agreed to arrange for the appellant to inspect the record available in the office of the RTA Patiala on 14.10.19, with respect to point No. 3 of the RTI application. The respondent PIO is directed to provide copies (to a maximum 150 pages) to the appellant on payment of photocopying charges.

4. The information at point no. 2 has not been supplied by the respondent on the plea that there was error on the server at the time when retrieval was attempted. This information (pertaining to point no. 2) must also be given to the appellant during the inspection on 14.10.19.

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4.This Commission also directs the respondent PIO to depute an officer familiar with the case for the **next hearing in the Commission on 29.11.19 at 11:00 am.**

Sd/-

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Regional Transport Authority (RTA),  
Faridkot.

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

## **Appeal Case No. 2801 of 2019**

### **PRESENT:**

Ravinder Kataria (Appellant) 94631-33590  
(Respondent) Absent

### **ORDER:**

1.The RTI application is dated 6.5.19 vide which the appellant has sought information pertaining to the period 1.1.19 to 30.4.19 regarding commercial driving licenses, certificates submitted by candidates etc. as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.08.19 under section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act).

2.The respondent PIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission. This Commission gives the respondent one more opportunity to reply to the RTI application, which is more than four months old. As per the appellant's submission at this hearing, he has received absolutely no reply till date.

3.The respondent PIO is directed to appear IN PERSON at the next hearing, failing which, penal action could be initiated against him as per the RTI Act 2005.

### **4.Next hearing is on 29.11.19 at 11:00 am**

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Ludhiana.

Versus

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o/o Director General of Police,  
Punjab Home Guards,  
Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Director General of Police,  
Punjab Home Guards,  
Chandigarh.

## **Appeal Case No. 2814 of 2019**

### **PRESENT:**

Gurmeet Singh (Appellant) 94172-65263

Hargopal Sadana, Junior Staff Officer (for the Respondent) 80546-00550

### **ORDER:**

1.The RTI application is dated 1.4.19 vide which the appellant has sought information seeking a list of home guard personnel who worked with the Punjab Police during the period 1980 to 1990, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 2.8.19 under section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act).

2.The respondent PIO, represented at this hearing by Hargopal Sadana, Junior Staff Officer, contended that the information requested by the appellant cannot be disclosed because it could pose a security threat in the State. The respondent PIO has also contended that the information requested is not specific. This Commission feels that if that was the case then the respondent PIO ought to have written to the appellant asking for a more specific information request. However, nothing of this sort was done since the filing of the RTI application on 1.4.19.

3.This Commission directs the respondent PIO to submit a written reply with legally premised reasons for seeking exemption from disclosure of the requested information. The

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respondent PIO must also submit more cogent and legally sound grounds for his claim that a mere list of home guard personnel, many of whom would have retired by now, constitutes a threat to the security in the state of Punjab.

**4. Next hearing on 21.11.19 at 11:00 am.**

Sd/-

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh.

3.10.19