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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab

Bimal P. Jain,

H. No. 4949, Jain Street,

P. O. – Bazar, Bathinda (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The President, S. S. Jain Sabha, Wholesale Cloth Market, Bathinda(Punjab)

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 152 of 2020

Present: Sh. Bimal P. Jain, the appellant in person.

None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER** 

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing for 13.04.2020 (was postponed) and fixed for hearing today.

The complainant, Sh. Bimal P. Jain, who appeared in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

The respondent through a reply vide letter dated 26.06.2019 signed by General Secretary, S. S. Jain Sabha, Bathinda, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 7391 dated 26.06.2019, intimating the Commission that S. S. Jain Sabha (Regd.), Bathinda (Respondent Institute) is religious organization, moreover, is not a 'public authority', hence, does not fall under the purview of the RTI Act and running its social, religious, academic activities on charitable basis and it has never received regular grant from State or its agencies and during the years of 2011-12/2012-13, the three sheds, dispensary were constructed and Tractor Ambulance and medical instruments were purchased and the funds 'Utilization Certificates' were sent to the concerned authorities. The respondent has also appended a copy of reply dated 26.05.2019 (addressed in the name of the complainant, intimating him that S. S. Jain Sabha (Regd.), Bathinda (Respondent Institute) is not a 'public authority' as per Chapter 1, 2 (h) of the RTI Act and returned the 'Indian Postal Order' (in original) to the complainant through registered post. It, alongwith annexure and a copy of postal receipt is taken on record.

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO of office of S. S. Jain Sabha (Regd.), Bathinda to remain present in person or represent this case through his representative on the next date of hearing positively so that facts of this case could be cleared.

The case is <u>adjourned to 04.08.2020 at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through</u> facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Manjinder Singh, H. No. 2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector 125, Kharar, Distt. – Mohali - 140301 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

(Regd. Post) O/o The Secretary,

Regional Transport Authority,

Bathinda (Punjab)

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

Respondents

# Appeal Case No. 1061 of 2019

Present: Sh. Manjinder Singh, the appellant in person.

None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

This case was last heard on 24.02.2020 and the respondent PIO concerned was directed to provide the required information to the appellant through registered post.

The appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far as directed vide orders dated 24.02.2020.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 24.02.2020.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to

Public Information Officer concerned of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,

Bathinda, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to
the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions
of the RTI Act, 2005.

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Last and final opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a copy of the required information to the appellant through registered post and copy of the postal receipt (through which information would be sent to the Appellant), to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 9.9.2020 at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through</u> <u>facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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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., Sector 17, Chandigarh (Punjab)

. Respondents

# Appeal Case No. 3091 of 2019

Present: Sh. Manjinder Singh, the appellant in person.

None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER** 

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

This case was last heard on 28.01.2020 and the respondent PIO concerned was directed to provide the required information at point no. 01, 02 and 03 of the RTI request to the appellant through registered post.

The appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that information at point no. 01, 02 and 03 of the RTI request has not been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far as directed vide orders dated 28.01.2020.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 28.01.2020.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to

Public Information Officer concerned of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,

Bathinda, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to
the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions
of the RTI Act, 2005.

Appeal Case No. 3091 of 2019

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Last and final opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a copy of the required information to the appellant through registered post and copy of the postal receipt (through which information would be sent to the Appellant), to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 9.9.2020 at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through</u> <u>facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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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., Sector 17, Chandigarh (Punjab)

.. Respondents

# Appeal Case No. 3092 of 2019

Present: Sh. Manjinder Singh, the appellant in person.

None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER** 

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

This case was last heard on 28.01.2020 and the respondent PIO concerned was directed to provide the required information to the appellant through registered post.

The appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far as directed vide orders dated 28.01.2020.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 28.01.2020.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to

Public Information Officer concerned of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,

Bathinda, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to

the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions
of the RTI Act, 2005.

Appeal Case No. 3092 of 2019

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Last and final opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a copy of the required information to the appellant through registered post and copy of the postal receipt (through which information would be sent to the Appellant), to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 9.9.2020 at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through</u> <u>facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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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.,

Sector 17, Chandigarh (Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4287 of 2019

Present: Sh. Manjinder Singh, the appellant in person.

None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

This case was last heard on 25.02.2020 and Sh. Pawan Kumar, Steno, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO, submitted a reply vide letter no. 478 dated 17.02.2020 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Section Officer, Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda, intimating that regarding the matter of challans, a Civil Writ Petition No. 1326 of 2020 is pending in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court and the case be kept pending till the decision of the High Court. As the PIO had failed to send any document, proving that the above-mentioned petition i. e. Civil Writ Petition No. 1326 of 2020 is pending in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court and stay-order has been passed, therefore, the concerned respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request.

The appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far as directed vide orders dated 25.02.2020.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 25.02.2020.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to

Public Information Officer concerned of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,

Bathinda, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to
the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions
of the RTI Act, 2005.

Appeal Case No. 4287 of 2019

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The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, 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.

Last and final opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a copy of the required information to the appellant through registered post and copy of the postal receipt (through which information would be sent to the Appellant), to the Commission by the

next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 9.9.2020 at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through

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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., Sector 17, Chandigarh (Punjab)

... Respondents

# Appeal Case No. 4597 of 2019

Present: Sh. Manjinder Singh, the appellant in person.

None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER** 

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

This case was last heard on 16.03.2020 and the respondent PIO concerned was directed to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case on the next date of hearing to clear the facts of this case.

The appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker till date.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Appeal Case No. 4597 of 2019

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Last and final opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a copy of the required information to the appellant through registered post and copy of the postal receipt (through which information would be sent to the Appellant), to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 9.9.2020 at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through</u> <u>facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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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 Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda (Punjab)

Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 70 of 2020

Present: Sh. Manjinder Singh, the appellant in person.

None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER** 

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing on 18.03.2020 and was postponed for 20.05.2020 (again postponed) and fixed for today for hearing.

The RTI request is dated 16.09.2019. First appeal is dated 01.11.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 27.12.2019.

The appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker till date.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to

Public Information Officer concerned of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,

Bathinda, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to
the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions
of the RTI Act, 2005.

Appeal Case No. 70 of 2020

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Another opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a copy of the required information to the appellant through registered post and copy of the postal receipt (through which information would be sent to the Appellant), to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing

The case is <u>adjourned to 9.9.2020 at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through</u> facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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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., Sector 17, Chandigarh (Punjab)

... Respondents

# Appeal Case No. 250 of 2020

Present: Sh. Manjinder Singh, the appellant in person.

None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing on 31.03.2020 (was postponed) and fixed for hearing for today.

The RTI request is dated 30.09.2019. First appeal is dated 18.11.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 08.01.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker till date.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to

Public Information Officer concerned of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,

Bathinda, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to
the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions
of the RTI Act, 2005.

Appeal Case No. 250 of 2020

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Another opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a copy of the required information to the appellant through registered post and copy of the postal receipt (through which information would be sent to the Appellant), to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 9.9.2020 at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through</u> <u>facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar (Punjab)

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

Respondents

# Appeal Case No. 3093 of 2019

Present: Sh. Manjinder Singh, the appellant in person.

Ms. Ambika, Section Officer-cum-PIO, in person.

**ORDER** 

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

This case was last heard on 28.01.2020 and an opportunity was given to the respondent PIO directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant. An opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally intimates the Commission that he has pointed out certain deficiencies through a letter and sent the same to the respondent PIO through registered post.

Ms. Ambika, Section Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that no such letter has been received in the office till date.

The appellant is advised to send the same letter, through which deficiencies have been pointed out, to the respondent PIO through e-mail so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the certified copies of the information, after removing the deficiencies, which would be pointed out by the appellant, to him by registered post and send a copy of the same to the Commission with a copy of the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the appellant on the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 9.9.2020 at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through</u> facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar (Punjab)

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

Respondents

# Appeal Case No. 4290 of 2019

Present: Sh. Manjinder Singh, the appellant in person.

Ms. Ambika, Section Officer-cum-PIO, in person.

**ORDER** 

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

This case was last heard on 25.02.2020 and a show cause notice under Section 20
(1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport

<u>Authority</u>, <u>Jalandhar</u> with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to

the appellant through registered post.

The appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information as per queries raised through RTI request has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO concerned so far.

Ms. Ambika, Section Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that order dated 25.02.2020 passed by the Commission has not been received in the office till date. However, as she has noted today's date, her contention does not appear to be correct. She has also not sent any document, showing that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant, which reflects that she is trying to delay in supplying the required information to the information-seeker. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) is imposed upon Ms. Ambika, Section Officer-cum-PIO (concerned Public Information Officer) of office of Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar. A copy of this order be sent to her through registered post.

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The amount of penalty will be deposited in the treasury of Punjab Government

under the head.....

Major Head .. 0070 -Other Administrative Services

Sub-Major Head .. 60 - Other Services

Minor Head .. 800 - Other Receipts

Sub-Head .. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005

Detailed Head .. 0070 Other Administrative Services

60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-

86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date of

hearing.

Last and final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned

to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request through registered post at his residential address before the next date of hearing and send a copy of the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the appellant, to the Commission by or on the next date of hearing, failing which under Section 20 (2) of the RTI Act, disciplinary action would be recommended against her for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is <u>adjourned to 9.9.2020 at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through</u> facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar (Punjab)

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

... Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 4599 of 2019

Present: Sh. Manjinder Singh, the appellant in person.

Ms. Ambika, Section Officer-cum-PIO, in person.

**ORDER** 

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

This case was last heard on 16.03.2020 and the appellant was advised to deposit the required fee to concerned PIO and take certified copies of the requisite information. The respondent PIO concerned was also directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant after receiving the required fee from him.

Ms. Ambika, Section Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that the requisite information could not be supplied to the appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh as he has failed to deposit the required fee.

The appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally intimates the Commission that for 198 pages of information, the PIO is demanding Rs. 792/- as required fee from him, whereas, as per RTI rules, the required charges (which is Rs. 2/- per page) and for 198 pages the fee is to be paid Rs. 396/- not Rs. 792/-

The respondent PIO is directed to provide the required information to the appellant within two weeks from today through registered post under intimation to the Commission, after collecting the required charges (which is Rs. 2/- per page) from the appellant i. e. Rs. 396/- for 198 pages.

The appellant is advised to deposit the required fee of Rs. 396/- for 198 pages (Rs. 2/- per page) to the office of PIO concerned and take certified copies of the requisite information.

The case is <u>adjourned to 9.9.2020 at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through</u> <u>facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 State Information Commissioner Punjab



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...Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
   O/o The Secretary,
   Regional Transport Authority,
   Tarn Taran (Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,O/o The Secretary,Regional Transport Authority,Amritsar (Punjab)

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

Respondents

## **Appeal Case No. 1451 of 2019**

Present: Sh. Manjinder Singh, the appellant in person.

- i) Sh. Gurdev Singh, Junior Assistant-cum-APIO O/o R.T.A., Amritsar;
- ii) Sh. Wassan Singh, Junior Assistant O/o R.T.A., Amritsar, on behalf of the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

This case was last heard on 04.02.2020 and the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply complete information to the appellant through registered post.

The appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

Sh. Gurdev Singh, Junior Assistant-cum-APIO and Sh. Wassan Singh, Junior Assistant of office of Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that it is hard to differentiate that whether the information sought for by the appellant through RTI request relates with office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar or Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Tarn Taran.

After examining the case-file, it also emerges that the RTI request dated 16.01.2019 of the appellant is addressed to Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Tarn Taran and Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar is holding the charge of office of Regional Transport Authority, Tarn Taran.

Accordingly, the respondent PIO concerned is directed to fix the time mutually for inspection of the relevant official record (regarding the information demanded through RTI request) on any day during working hours so that the appellant could identify the information. The appellant is also advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO concerned and avail the opportunity to inspect the relevant official record to identify the information.

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Both the parties mutually agreed to it during the hearing today.

The respondent-PIO concerned is directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him by the next date of hearing.

Sh. Gurdev Singh and Sh. Wassan, both Junior Assistants, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO after inspection, or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 9.9.2020 at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through</u> <u>facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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