

Manjit Singh S/o Sh. Sohan Singh
388/3, Bahera Road, Patiala(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

i) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority
Bathinda (Punjab)

ii) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
(Regd. Post) Maur, District Bathinda (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3917 of 2018
Appeal Case No. 3921 of 2018
Appeal Case No. 3923 of 2018
Appeal Case No. 3925 of 2018
Appeal Case No. 3928 of 2018

Present : None on behalf of the the appellant.
Sh. Sukhmandir Singh, Superintendent(General) O/o S. D. M., Maur.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 19.08.2019 and the respondent PIO concerned was directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post at his residential address and produce a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission. Another opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He was also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO through registered post with a copy to the Commission, within two weeks after receiving the same so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned. Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the orders dated 24.04.2019 passed by the Commission in above mentioned five cases by depositing the penalty amount collectively in the treasury of Punjab Government and to comply with the orders dated 24.06.2019 passed by the Commission by paying compensation of Rs. 5000/- collectively to the appellant and produce a copy of the treasury challan and cheque/Demand Draft in the Commission.

Sh. Sukhmandir Singh, Superintendent(General) of office of Sub Divisional Magistrate, Maur, who appeared in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 2270 dated 27.09.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate, Maur, intimating the Commission that the concerned Sub Divisional Magistrate, Maur has been transferred (transfer order is enclosed) and seeks an adjournment in this case, appended to which is a report, showing that action is under process against the officials concerned, in whose custody the relevant office-record was lying, who had not submitted the required documents before the Commission in time. It, along with annexure, is taken on record.

He also orally states that he has also joined recently in the office and requested for an adjournment in this case so that the required information could be supplied to the appellant. He also commits that the order dated 24.04.2019 passed by the Commission in the above mentioned five cases, through which penalty was imposed upon the concerned respondent PIO and the order dated 24.06.2019 passed by the Commission, through which compensation of Rs. 5000/- was awarded collectively to the appellant, would be complied positively.

The appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh, through a letter dated 26.09.2019, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 18609 dated 26.09.2019, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post at his residential address within three weeks from today and produce a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission on the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be sent by respondent PIO) 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. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the orders dated 24.04.2019 passed by the Commission in above mentioned five cases by depositing the penalty amount collectively 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 to comply to the orders dated 24.06.2019 passed by the Commission by paying compensation of Rs. 5000/- collectively to the appellant before next date of hearing. The compensation shall be paid by public authority concerned by way of crossed cheque/Demand Draft in the name of Manjit Singh. The crossed cheque/Demand Draft shall be made from the bank account of public authority concerned and not from the individual official.

The respondent PIO is also directed to produce a copy of the treasury challan and cheque/Demand Draft in the Commission on the next date of hearing. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is **adjourned to 23rd October, 2019(Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.**
Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 30th September, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab