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Sh. Bhupinder Punj,
r/o 186, Village Lohara,
District Ludhiana (M.No.9915235055).

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.

FAA-State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Near Mehfil Hotel,
Sector 17,
Chandigarh.

.....Respondents

Appeal Cases Nos. 3757 of 2019

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Bhupinder Punj, appellant.
Sh. Gurnam Singh, ATO on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with the previous order dated 30.6.2020 vide which the case was adjourned as per the request of both the parties for today. The case was listed for hearing through video conference facility but on the request of the appellant the case is being heard through cisco webex proceedings.

2. The appellant states that he has not received the information. Whereas the representative of the respondents states that the appellant is seeking the information by changing the dates, the number of RTI application(s) being filed so that it should not become voluminous. He further states that the similar applications have been filed to almost all the Regional Transport Authorities of Punjab State. Furthermore, the representative of the respondents requests the Commission that the appellant may be directed to inspect the record and the copies of documents so identified by the appellant will be supplied, provided it does not relates to the 3rd party or the information has to be created/manufactured and collated. In addition to it, the representative of the respondents states that in large number of other cases, the appellant has been requested to inspect the record but the appellant never came for the inspection to identify the documents so that the same can be supplied to him. The representative of the respondents also states that due to shortage of staff in the office and rush of such type of RTI applications, there may be a delay in providing the information otherwise there is no intention to delay the information. The representative of the respondents further states that due to Covid 19 pandemic and a corona positive case in the office the reply in this case has been delayed. The representative of the respondents further states that the case may be filed in view of his submissions and the 3rd party information, voluminous in nature has been sought by the appellant.

3. After hearing both the parties, considering the orders passed by the Commission in Appeal Case No. 3768 of 2019 i.e. similar case filed by the appellant against the other Regional Transport Authority, Patiala. Accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to provide the total number of driving tests taken for the issuance of permanent driving licences from 1.1.2019 to 20.6.2019 at Automatic Driving Test Track along with the name of the officer/official(s) incharge of the test track.

4. To come up on 25.8.2020 at 11.30 AM through Cisco Webex 913122670.

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Dated:4.8.2020

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Sector 17,
Chandigarh.

.....Respondents

Appeal Cases Nos. 3765 of 2019

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Bhupinder Punj, appellant.
Sh. Gurnam Singh, ATO on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with the previous order dated 30.6.2020 vide which the case was adjourned as per the request of both the parties for today. The case was listed for hearing through video conference facility but on the request of the appellant the case is being heard through cisco webex proceedings.

2. The appellant states that he has not received the information. Whereas the representative of the respondents states that the appellant is seeking the information by changing the dates, the number of RTI application(s) being filed so that it should not become voluminous. He further states that the similar applications have been filed to almost all the Regional Transport Authorities of Punjab State. Furthermore, the representative of the respondents requests the Commission that the appellant may be directed to inspect the record and the copies of documents so identified by the appellant will be supplied, provided it does not relate to the 3rd party or the information has to be created/manufactured and collated. In addition to it, the representative of the respondents states that in large number of other cases, the appellant has been requested to inspect the record but the appellant never came for the inspection to identify the documents so that the same can be supplied to him. The representative of the respondents also states that due to shortage of staff in the office and rush of such type of RTI applications, there may be a delay in providing the information otherwise there is no intention to delay the information. The representative of the respondents further states that due to Covid 19 pandemic and a corona positive case in the office the reply in this case has been delayed. The representative of the respondents further states that the case may be filed in view of his submissions and the 3rd party information, voluminous in nature has been sought by the appellant. The representative of the respondents also requested to file the show cause notice issued to him and submitted his request, which is taken on record.

3. After hearing both the parties, considering the orders passed by the Commission in Appeal Case No. 3767 of 2019 i.e. similar case filed by the appellant against the Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda, last opportunity is granted to the respondent-Public Information Officer and is directed to supply the copies of challan, receipt of the challan amount recovered, amount deposited in the bank related to the challan before the next date of hearing to the appellant under intimation to the Commission. The decision regarding show cause notice issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer will be taken on the next date of hearing.

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Faridkot.

FAA-State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Near Mehfil Hotel,
Sector 17,
Chandigarh.

.....Respondents

Appeal Cases Nos. 3772 of 2019

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Bhupinder Punj, appellant.
Sh. Gurnam Singh, ATO on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with the previous order dated 30.6.2020 vide which the case was adjourned as per the request of both the parties for today. The case was listed for hearing through video conference facility but on the request of the appellant the case is being heard through cisco webex proceedings.

2. The appellant states that he has not received the information. Whereas the representative of the respondents states that the appellant is seeking the information by changing the dates, the number of RTI application(s) being filed so that it should not become voluminous. He further states that the similar applications have been filed to almost all the Regional Transport Authorities of Punjab State. Furthermore, the representative of the respondents requests the Commission that the appellant may be directed to inspect the record and the copies of documents so identified by the appellant will be supplied, provided it does not relate to the 3rd party or the information has to be created/manufactured and collated. In addition to it, the representative of the respondents states that in large number of other cases, the appellant has been requested to inspect the record but the appellant never came for the inspection to identify the documents so that the same can be supplied to him. The representative of the respondents also states that due to shortage of staff in the office and rush of such type of RTI applications, there may be a delay in providing the information otherwise there is no intention to delay the information. The representative of the respondents further states that due to Covid 19 pandemic and a corona positive case in the office the reply in this case has been delayed. The representative of the respondents further states that the case may be filed in view of his submissions and the 3rd party information, voluminous in nature has been sought by the appellant. The representative of the respondents also requested to file the show cause notice issued to him and submitted his request, which is taken on record.

3. After hearing both the parties, considering the orders passed by the Commission in Appeal Case No. 3768 of 2019 i.e. similar case filed by the appellant against the other Regional Transport Authority, Patiala. Accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to provide the total number of driving tests taken for the issuance of permanent driving licences from 1.1.2019 to 20.6.2019 at Automatic Driving Test Track along with the name of the officer/official(s) incharge of the test track. The decision regarding show cause notice issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer will be taken on the next date of hearing.

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Sh. Balwinder Singh,
Village Rao Ke Uttar,
P.O. Mamdot Uttar, District Ferozepur.

Vs

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
o/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Mamdot, District Ferozepur.

First Appellant Authority
o/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ferozepur.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3510 of 2019

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Balwinder Singh, appellant.
Shri Roshan Lal, Panchayat Secretary (M-9463785443) on behalf of the
respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 3.7.2020.

2. The appellant has sent an email, in which it has been stated that he has not received the information duly certified and no information has been supplied regarding rooms under the BPL scheme from 2013 to 2018. The appellant states that the information must be certified by the Block Development and Panchayats Officer. The representative of the respondents states that the information has been provided duly certified by him and with regard to the information regarding rooms under the BPL scheme from 2013 to 2018 he states that no such information has been sought by the appellant in the instant case vide his RTI application. The representative of the respondents further requests to file the Show Cause Notice issued to him as per his self declaration sent to the Commission, which is taken on record.

3. After hearing both the parties, it transpires that the complete information has been supplied to the appellant. According to the submissions of the respondent-Public Information Officer the show cause notice issued to him is hereby dropped with the warning to the respondent-Public Information Officer Sh. Roshan Lal to be careful in future while dealing with the RTI application(s). The Commission accepts the plea taken by the respondents regarding certified the record. Accordingly, no further cause of action is left in this case, hence, the case is disposed of and closed. However, the appellant is advised to file the fresh RTI application in case he wants to seek the information concerning BPL scheme.

sd/

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Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

Dated: 4.8.2020

Cc
Sh. Roshan Lal
Panchayat Secretary,
o/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Mamdot, Distt, Ferozepur.

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Sh. Sukhchain Singh S/o Ajit Singh,
R/o Sonam Mohalla, Fatehgarh Churian,
Tehsil Batala, District Gurdaspur.

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Fatehgarh Churian,
Tehsil –Batala, District – Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,
Mini Secretariat, District Gurdaspur.

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 220 of 2020

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the parties.

ORDER

The appellant has sent a letter in the Commission. According to the letter, the appellant has submitted that he has received the complete information and requested to file the case.

2. According to the submissions of the appellant, the case is disposed of and closed.

Dated:4.8.2020

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Sh. Jasveer Singh s/o Sh. Joginder Singh 9781599959
r/o Vilage Megha Punjgrain,
Hithar, Guru Harsahai,
Ferozepur.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Divisional Deputy Director,
Rural Development and Panchayat Deptt
Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority
o/o Director,
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,
Vikas Bhawan,
Sector 62, Mohali

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1657 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Malkiat Singh, Superintendent on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 23.10.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 10.2.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 23.6.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The representative of the respondents states that at the time of the RTI application the enquiry was being conducted and the information was provided to the appellant that the enquiry is being conducted as he has sought the enquiry report etc pertaining to his complaint filed on 8.4.2019. He further states that the enquiry has been completed and the same has been sent to the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Punjab for final decision on the matter. In addition to it, he states that the information will be supplied after the final decision on the enquiry report is taken by the competent authority.

3. As the appellant is not present, the case is adjourned to 31.8.2020 at 11.30 AM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur.

Dated:4.8.2020

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Smt Narinderjeet Kaur Sarpanch, (98144-52090)
R/o Gram Panchayat Thekreewal,
Block Kahnuwan,
District Gurdaspur.

.....Complainant

Vs

Sh. Om Parkash, Panchayat Secretary-cum-
Public Information Officer,
Gram Panchayat Thekreewal,
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Kahnuwan,
District Gurdaspur.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 1080 of 2019 **(Video Conference Proceeding)**

Present:- Sh. Harpal Singh, representative of the complainant.
Sh. Om Parkash on behalf of the respondent-Public Information Officer.

ORDER

This order may be read with the previous order dated 30.6.2020.

2. The representative of the respondent states that the complete information has been provided to the complainant except the information pertaining to Point No. 4 i.e. the order of the Administrator according to the Section 200(1) of the Panchayati Raj Act 1994. The appellant agrees with the submissions of the representative of the respondent. The representative of the respondent gave an assurance that the information pertaining to Point No. 4 of the RTI application will be supplied before the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission.

3. According to the assurance given by the representative of the respondent, he is directed to provide the same before the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission. The respondent-Public Information Officer Sh. Om Parkash Singh is also directed to file his reply with regard to the Show Cause Notice issued to him on 30.6.2020 on the next date of hearing failing which the decision on the issue will be taken ex-parte.

4. To come up on 26.8.2020 at 11.30 AM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur.

Dated:4.8.2020

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Sh. Chanchal Singh Bal,
R/o House No. 172,
Sector 70, Mohali.

.....Appellant
Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Department of General Admin.(Estb. I Br.),
Punjab Civil Secretariat -1,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Under Secretary,
Department of General Admin. (Estt I Br.),
Punjab Civil Secretariat -1,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 358 of 2020

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
Ms Simarpreet Kaur, Sr. Asstt on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with the previous order dated 29.6.2020.

2. The representative of the respondents reiterated her earlier reply sent to the Commission on 24.6.2020. Copy of the reply is attached with this order and the appellant is advised to file his submissions before the next date of hearing to the respondents with a copy to the Commission. The respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to intimate in writing whether the concerned record is available or not before the next date of hearing.

3. To come up on 21.8.2020 at 11.30 AM through Cisco Webex – 913122670.

Dated:4.8.2020

sd/
(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
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