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Sh. Jasbir Singh S/o Sh.Gurbax Singh Vill. Bholapur Jhabewal, P.O. Ramgarh Chd. Road, District Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 09 of 2019

Present:

ent: The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is present. Sh. Lamber Ram, Junior Assistant, is present on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

Versus

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 13.03.2019 and PIO/Respondent was directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered and produce postal receipt for having sent the information. The Appellant was also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, after the receipt of information from the PIO/Respondent and send to the PIO/Respondent by registered post with a copy to the Commission.

Sh. Lamber Ram, Junior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 3401 dated 03.05.2019, signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar, showing that the requisite information has already been supplied to the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that that the respondent PIO concerned has also sent a reply vide letter no. 3250 dated 29.04.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, showing that the requisite information has already been supplied to the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh.

The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that has received the requisite information. He also submits a written-submission as an acknowledgment of having received the required information, in which he claimed that he is satisfied with the information supplied. It is taken on record.

> Since the information stands supplied, the case is **disposed of and closed.** Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Dated: 6th May, 2019

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Sh. Jasbir Singh, Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur Jhabewal, Post Office Ramgarh, District Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3725 of 2018

Present:

The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is present. Sh. Lamber Ram, Junior Assistant, is present on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 18.03.2019 and the Respondent/PIO was directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh through registered post and the Appellant was advised to go through the requisite information and point out the deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post, with a copy to the Commission.

Sh. Lamber Ram, Junior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 3398 dated 03.05.2019, signed by Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar, showing that in response to the RTI request the requisite information has been supplied to the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh. It is taken on record.

The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that has received the requisite information. He also submits a written-submission as an acknowledgment of having received the required information, in which he claimed that he is satisfied with the information supplied. It is taken on record.

Since the information stands supplied, the case is **<u>disposed of and closed.</u>** Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated: 6th May, 2019

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V/s

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Sh. Jasbir Singh, Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur Jhabewal, Post Office Ramgarh, District Ludhiana (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector 17, Chandigarh

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3726 of 2018

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is present. Sh. Jaswant Singh, Clerk, is present on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 18.03.2019 and PIO of office of State Transport

Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh and PIO of office of Sub Divisional Magistrate-cum-Registering and Licensing Authority, Khanna, District Ludhiana, were directed to appear in person along with the sought for information on the fixed hearing and the Appellant was also advised to go through the requisite information and point out the deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post, with a copy to the Commission.

Sh. Jaswant Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 266 dated 29.04.2019, showing that in response to the RTI request, a reply has been given to the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh. It is taken on record.

The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing,

orally states that hehas received the requisite information. He also submits a written-submission dated 06.05.2019 as an acknowledgment of having received the required information, in which he claimed that he is satisfied with the information supplied. It is taken on record.

Since the information stands supplied, the case is **<u>disposed of and closed</u>**.

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(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Dated: 6th May, 2019



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Public Information Officer, O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate -cum-Licensing & Registering Authority, Dharamkot, District Moga(Punjab)

penalty of Rs. 2,500/- has been deposited.

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Deputy Commissioner, Moga (Punjab)

Appeal Case No. 1710 of 2018

V/s

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is present. Ms. Karamjit Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO, in person.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 18.03.2019 and compensation of Rs. 2,500/- was awarded to the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh and the PIO was also directed to submit the proof of having deposited the penalty of Rs. 2,500/-, which was imposed vide orders dated 21.01.2019.

The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing,

orally states that the respondent PIO concerned has neither provided him the required information nor paid him the compensation amount of Rs. 2,500/-, which was awarded to him vide orders dated 18.03.2019.

Ms. Karamjit Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO of office of Sub Divisional Magistrate, Dharamkot, who appeared in person in today's hearing, hands over the requisite information to the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, during the hearing in the Commission today. She also submits a reply vide letter no. 58 dated 01.05.2019 signed by herself, appended to which is a copy of the receipt challan, showing that in compliance to the orders dated 21.01.2019

After hearing the applicant and examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that the respondent PIO concerned has not complied with the orders dated 18.03.2019 passed by the Commission, through which compensation of Rs. 2,500/- was awarded.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the orders dated 18.03.2019 passed by the Commission by paying compensation of Rs. 2,500/- to the Appellant on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 1st July, 2019 at 11:00 A. M.

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(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Dated: 6th May, 2019

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Sh. Jasbir Singh

S/o Sh.Gurbax Singh Vill. Bholapur Jhabewal, PO Ramgarh Chandigarh Road, District Ludhiana

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o State Transport Commissioner Sector-17B, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab Sector-17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3536 of 2018

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, is present. Sh. Gurpal Singh, APIO, is present on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 18.03.2019 and the PIO/Respondent was directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh within a week through registered post. The Appellant was advised to go through the requisite information and point out the deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post, with a copy to the Commission.

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

Sh. Gurpal Singh, APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, requests for an adjournment in this case, so that complete information could be supplied to the Appellant.

The request is granted with the directions to the respondent PIO to supply complete information to the Appellant by the next date of hearing, positively.

The case is adjourned to 1st July, 2019 at 11:00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

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Sh. Sham Sunder Kapoor S/o Sh. Prem Chand Kapoor R/o A-502, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar (Punjab)

....Appellant

Versus

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 31 of 2019

Present:

Sh. Satyavir Singh, Advocate, appeared on behalf of Sh. Ankush Chaudhary, Advocate (Counsel for the Appellant). None is present on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 13.03.2019 and Sh. Ankush Chaudhary, Advocate came present on behalf of the Appellant, Sh. Sham Sunder Kapoor and stated that no information has been received by the Appellant. The PIO/Respondent was directed to explain as to why any official, who is well aware of this case, has not been deputed as a representative to attend this case. PIO was also directed to supply the information to the Appellant as per RTI application and the Appellant was advised to point out deficiencies, if any, on the receipt of information by him to the PIO with a copy to the Commission.

Sh. Satyavir Singh, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of Sh. Ankush Chaudhary, Advocate (Counsel for the Appellant, Sh. Sham Sunder Kapoor) in today's hearing, orally states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

Today, none is present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent and 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.

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

Appeal Case No. 31 of 2019

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. <u>A</u> copy of the RTI request be sent to him alongwith this order through registered post for his ready reference.

The case is adjourned to 2nd July, 2019 at 11:00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated: 6th May, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

CC :

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer(By Name), O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar(Punjab)

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Sh. Sham Sunder Kapoor

S/o Sh. Prem Chand Kapoor R/o A-502, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar (Punjab)

....Appellant

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Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector-17B, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 32 of 2019

Present: Sh. Satyavir Singh, Advocate, appeared on behalf of Sh. Ankush Chaudhary, Advocate (Counsel for the Appellant). None is present on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 13.03.2019 and Sh. Ankush Chaudhary, Advocate came present on behalf of the Appellant, Sh. Sham Sunder Kapoor and the Appellant was advised to go through the information supplied and point out deficiencies, if any, on the receipt of information by him, to the PIO/Respondent with a copy to the Commission.

Sh. Satyavir Singh, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of Sh. Ankush

Chaudhary, Advocate (Counsel for the Appellant, Sh. Sham Sunder Kapoor) in today's hearing, submits a written-submission as a rejoinder to the reply, which was earlier given by the respondent PIO.

Today, none is present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent and 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.

In view of the above, <u>a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act</u> is issued to Public Information Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport <u>Authority,Amritsar, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial</u> 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. 32 of 2019

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. <u>A</u> copy of the RTI request be sent to him alongwith this order through registered post for his ready reference.

The case is adjourned to 2nd July, 2019 at 11:00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated: 6th May, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

CC :

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer(By Name), O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar(Punjab)

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Sh. Sham Sunder Kapoor

S/o Sh. Prem Chand Kapoor R/o A-502, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar (Punjab) Punjab State Anormation

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Public Information Officer,

(Regd. Post) O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector-17B, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 33 of 2019

Present: Sh. Satyavir Singh, Advocate, appeared on behalf of Sh. Ankush Chaudhary, Advocate (Counsel for the Appellant).

None is present on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 13.03.2019 and Shri Ankush Chaudhary, Advocate came present on behalf of the Appellant Sh. Sham Sunder Kapoor and stated that no information has been received by the Appellant. Sh. Amit, Data Entry Operator appeared on behalf of PIO/Respondent with an authority letter vide letter no. 3396 dated 11.03.2019 and produced a letter No. 3399 dated 11.03.2019, vide which an intimation has been given to the appellant with the effect that they have written letters to the individual owners of vehicles registered with the RTA Amritsar to get their consent to divulge information in regard to the registration of their vehicles. On that day, the Bench has observed that the date of RTI application is 21.06.2018 whereas the letters to the parties concerned have been sent just on 18.02.2019. Taking a serious view on the same, the Bench has directed PIO/Respondent to come present on the fixed date of hearing to clarify the facts of the case.

Sh. Satyavir Singh, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of Sh. Ankush Chaudhary, Advocate (Counsel for the Appellant, Sh. Sham Sunder Kapoor) in today's hearing, orally states that the Appellant has not received above mentioned letter/reply sent vide letter No. 3399 dated 11.03.2019 from the respondent PIO till date.

Today, none is present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent and he has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability.

Appeal Case No. 33 of 2019 -2-

After examining the reply, earlier submitted vide letter No. 3399 dated 11.03.2019 by the respondent, it emerges that RTI application is dated 21.06.2018, and letters have been sent vide nos. 3235 to 3254 dated 18.02.2019 to 'third parties' to take their consent, which is not within the stipulated period as per Section 11 (1) of the RTI Act . After going through the RTI request, it also emerges that the information sought for by him is not 'third party' information, hence, the respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply complete information to the Appellant by the next date of hearing. He is also directed to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case. A copy this order be sent to him through registered post

The case is adjourned to 2nd July, 2019 at 11:00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated: 6th May, 2019

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Sh. Sham Sunder Kapoor

S/o Sh. Prem Chand Kapoor R/o A-502, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar.

....Appellant

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V/s

Public Information Officer,

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

First Appellate Authority,

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector-17B, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 34 of 2019

...Respondents

Present: Sh. Satyavir Singh, Advocate, appeared on behalf of Sh. Ankush Chaudhary, Advocate (Counsel for the Appellant). None is present on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 13.03.2019 and Shri Ankush Chaudhary, Advocate came present on behalf of the Appellant Sh. Sham Sunder Kapoor and stated that no information has been received by the Appellant. Sh. Amit, Data Entry Operator appeared on behalf of PIO/Respondent with an authority letter vide letter no. 3396 dated 11.03.2019 and produced a letter No. 3399 dated 11.03.2019, vide which an intimation has been given to the appellant with the effect that they have written letters to the individual owners of vehicles registered with the RTA Amritsar to get their consent to divulge information in regard to the registration of their vehicles. On that day, the Bench has observed that the date of RTI application is 02.07.2018 whereas the letters to the parties concerned have been sent just on 18.02.2019. Taking a serious view on the same, the Bench has directed PIO/Respondent to come present on the fixed date of hearing to clarify the facts of the case.

Sh. Satyavir Singh, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of Sh. Ankush Chaudhary, Advocate (Counsel for the Appellant, Sh. Sham Sunder Kapoor) in today's hearing, orally states that the Appellant has not received above mentioned letter/reply sent vide letter No. 3399 dated 11.03.2019 from the respondent PIO till date.

Today, none is present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent and he has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability.

Appeal Case No. 34 of 2019 -2-

After examining the reply, earlier submitted vide letter No. 3399 dated 11.03.2019 by the respondent, it emerges that RTI application is dated 02.07.2018, and letters have been sent vide nos. 3235 to 3254 dated 18.02.2019 to 'third parties' to take their consent, which is not within the stipulated period as per Section 11 (1) of the RTI Act . After going through the RTI request, it also emerges that the information sought for by him is not 'third party' information, hence, the respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply complete information to the Appellant by the next date of hearing. He is also directed to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case. A copy this order be sent to him through registered post

The case is adjourned to 2nd July, 2019 at 11:00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated: 6th May, 2019

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Public Information Officer,

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

First Appellate Authority,

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector-17B, Chandigarh..

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 35 of 2019

Present: Sh. Satyavir Singh, Advocate, appeared on behalf of Sh. Ankush Chaudhary, Advocate (Counsel for the Appellant). None is present on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 13.03.2019 and Shri Ankush Chaudhary, Advocate

came present on behalf of the Appellant Sh.Sham Sunder Kapoor and stated that no information has been received by the Appellant. Shri Amit, Data Entry Operator appeared on behalf of PIO/Respondent with an authority letter and also produced letter No. 3397 dated 11.03.2019 vide which the information has been supplied to the appellant. The Appellant was advised to go through the information supplied and point out deficiencies, if any, to the PIO/Respondent with a copy to the Commission.

Sh. Satyavir Singh, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of Sh. Ankush

Chaudhary, Advocate (Counsel for the Appellant, Sh. Sham Sunder Kapoor) in today's hearing, submits a written-submission as a rejoinder to the reply/information as whatever reply/information has been given by the respondent PIO is irrelevant.

Today, none is present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent and 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.

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

Appeal Case No. 35 of 2019 -2-

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. <u>A</u> copy of the RTI request be sent to him alongwith this order through registered post for his ready reference.

The case is adjourned to 2nd July, 2019 at 11:00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

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(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer(By Name), O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar(Punjab)

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Sh. Sham Sunder Kapoor

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Public Information Officer,

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

First Appellate Authority,

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector-17B, Chandigarh..

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 36 of 2019

Present:

ORDER

Sh. Satyavir Singh, Advocate, appeared on behalf of Sh. Ankush Chaudhary, Advocate (Counsel for the Appellant). None is present on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

This case was last heard on 13.03.2019 and Shri Ankush Chaudhary, Advocate

came present on behalf of the Appellant, Sh.Sham Sunder Kapoor and stated that no information has been received by the Appellant. Shri Amit, Data Entry Operator appeared on behalf of PIO/Respondent with an authority letter and also produced letter No. 3396 dated 11.03.2019 vide which the Appellant was intimated that he has sought entire record of off-lien and on-line issued licenses of the license holders i.e. educational qualification, Aadhar card etc. from 01.01.2018 to 05.04.2018 which is third information and cannot be disclosed. It was further stated that the appellant can get this information only after seeking consent of the license holders. On that day, during the hearing, Shri Ankush Chaudhary (representative of the Appellant) stated that he did not know Punjabi language and as such, wanted to go through the contents of letter dated 11.03.2019. Accordingly, he was advised to go through the abovementioned letter and point out deficiencies to the PIO/Respondent with a copy to the Commission. PIO/Respondent was also directed to come personally on the fixed date of hearing before the Commission.

Sh. Satyavir Singh, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of Sh. Ankush Chaudhary, Advocate (Counsel for the Appellant, Sh. Sham Sunder Kapoor) in today's hearing, submits a written-submission as a rejoinder to the reply/information as whatever reply/information has been given by the respondent PIO is irrelevant.

Today, none is present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent and 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.

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

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. <u>A</u> copy of the RTI request be sent to him alongwith this order through registered post for his ready reference.

The case is adjourned to 2nd July, 2019 at 11:00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Dated: 6th May, 2019

CC :

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer(By Name), O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar(Punjab)

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Sh. Jasbir Singh S/o S.Gurbax Singh Vill. Bholapur Jhabewal, PO Ramgarh Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana, District Ludhiana-141008 (M-9888296107)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab Sector-17, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3534 of 2018

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is present. None is present on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 13.03.2019 and the Respondent/PIO was directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh through registered post. The PIO of office of the Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozpur and PIO of office the Secretary, Regional Transport Authority Faridkot, were also directed to appear in person along with the sought for information on the fixed date of hearing.

The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that he has not received information till date from the concerned respondents.

Today, none is present on behalf of the PIO of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozpur and PIO of office the Secretary, Regional Transport Authority Faridkot as ordered on 13.03.2019. They have also not sent any intimation regarding their nonavailability. After examining the case-file, it emerges that on the hearing held on, 21.01.2019, as per the reply of PIO/Respondent, it is shown that the designation of Sukhwinder Singh has not been mentioned and there are two other employees by the name of Sukhwinder Singh. One Sukhwinder Singh has been transferred to RTA Faridkot and the other Sukhwinder Singh has retired from RTA Ferozepur. From this letter, the information is not clear about which Sukhwinder Singh the information is required. This letter was also supported by a letter of Appellant vide which he had requested to transfer the RTI application to RTO Faridkot. The perusal of letter dated 18.01.2019, has shown that the RTI application has not been transferred to RTA Faridkot so far and information is yet to be supplied. Hence, PIO of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot was impleaded as party in this case.

Last opportunity is given to the both the PIOs of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozpur and PIO of office the Secretary, Regional Transport Authority Faridkot, to appear in person before the Commission so that the facts of this case could be cleared. A copy of this order be sent to them <u>through registered post</u>.

The case is adjourned to 1st July, 2019 at 11:00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated: 6th May, 2019

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Sh. Kashmir Singh S/o Kundan Singh C/o Sh.Munish Gupta, H.No.184, Sector-44,Chandigarh. BIT BUSY HAT HE HOLD

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o The General Manager Punjab Roadways Depot, Amritsar-1.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The General Manager Punjab Roadways Depot, Amritsar-1, District Amritsar.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 28 of 2019

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Kashmir Singh is present. None is present on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 13.03.2019 and the PIO/Respondent was directed to supply the information whatever is traced out in the office-record. However, the PIO was directed to give an affidavit in regard to the record which is not available, stating therein the reason as to why the same is not available with their office. He was also directed to come personally on the fixed date of hearing before the Commission.

The Appellant, Sh. Kashmir Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that he has not received any information till date from the concerned respondent PIO.

Today, none is present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent and 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.

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

Act is issued to Public Information Officer of office of General Manager, Punjab Roadways Depot,Amritsar-1, 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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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. <u>A</u> copy of the RTI request be sent to him alongwith this order through registered post for his ready reference.

The case is adjourned to 1st July, 2019 at 11:00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated: 6th May, 2019

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Sh. Hardip Singh S/o Sh. Jagir Singh

C/o Sh.Munish Gupta, H.No.184, Sector-44, Chandigarh.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o The General Manager Punjab Roadways Depot, Amritsar-1, District Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The General Manager Punjab Roadways Depot, Amritsar-1, District Amritsar.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 26 of 2019

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Hardip Singh is present. None is present on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 13.03.2019 and the PIO/Respondent was directed to supply the information whatever is traced out in the office-record. However, the PIO was directed to give an affidavit in regard to the record which is not available, stating therein the reason as to why the same is not available with their office. He was also directed to come personally on the fixed date of hearing before the Commission.

The Appellant, Sh. Hardip Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that he has not received any information till date from the concerned respondent PIO.

Today, none is present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent and 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.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer of office of General Manager, Punjab Roadways Depot,Amritsar-1, 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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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. <u>A</u> copy of the RTI request be sent to him alongwith this order through registered post for his ready reference.

The case is adjourned to 1st July, 2019 at 11:00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated: 6th May, 2019

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Sh. Harbilas S/o S. Ujjagar Ram

C/o Sh.Munish Gupta, H.No.184, Sector-44, Chandigarh.(M-98140-61084)

Versus

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The General Manager Punjab Roadways Depot, Jalandhar-II, District Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The General Manager Punjab Roadways Depot, Jalandhar-II, District Jalandhar.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 27 of 2019

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Harbilas, is present alongwith Sh. Manjinder Kumar, Advocate. Sh. Kamaljit, Clerk, is present on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 13.03.2019 and after going through the file, it was observed that so far, no information has been supplied to the Appellant. The PIO/Respondent was directed to supply the information as asked for by the Appellant vide his RTI application dated 22.03.2018. PIO was also directed to come in person on the fixed date of hearing. The Appellant was also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, after the receipt of information and send the same to the PIO/Respondent in writing.

Sh. Kamaljit, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, orally states that in response to the RTI request, a reply has already been given to the appellant.

The Appellant, Sh. Harbilas, who appeared in person alongwith Sh. Manjinder Kumar, Advocate, in today's hearing, orally expresses his dissatisfaction over the same.

The respondent-PIO concerned is directed either to supply the certified copies of the required information to the applicant as per his queries raised by him in his RTI request as per official record. If any information is not available in the official record, he/she (the respondent concerned) will file a reply in an affidavit stating that whatever information is available in the official record, has been supplied to the applicant and no other information apart from the information supplied, is available in the official record as far as the queries raised by information seeker in his RTI request is concerned, by or on the next date of hearing.

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The respondent PIO is also directed to appear in person before the

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Commission on the next date of hearing to represent this case so that facts of this case could be cleared.

The case is adjourned to 1st July, 2019 at 11:00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated: 6th May, 2019

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