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V/s.



Sarabjit Singh S/o Late Sh. Harbans Singh, House Number 292, Nagar Sudhar Trust Colony, Scheme Number 05, Jail Road, Gurdaspur(Punjab)

...Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur(Punjab)

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2304 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 07.11.2019 and none of the parties were present and another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post. An opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Sarabjit Singh nor the respondent is present in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1217 dated 06.01.2020 signed by District Revenue Officer-cum- Public Information Officer, Gurdaspur, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission a similar RTI request has been filed by the appellant, Sh. Sarabjit Singh in another case i. e. A. C. 1645 of 2019 (which was fixed for 07.01.2020 before the Bench of the undersigned) and the contents of the information sought for by him in that case and the present RTI application, are the same.

After going through the documents placed on record and documents placed in another case i. e. A. C. 1645 of 2019, it is found that contents of the RTI request filed in A. C. No. 1645 of 2019 and the present RTI application, are the same and in that appeal case, next date of hearing has been fixed for 26.02.2019.

In view of the above, A. C. No. 1645 of 2019 be taken up and the above-mentioned appeal case - A. C. No. 2304 of 2019 is not required to be taken, hence, the present case is announced as <u>disposed of and closed</u>.

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...Appellant

V/s

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

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2314 of 2019

Present: Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, the appellant in person.

Sh. Kesar Pal Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, in person.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 07.11.2019 and the respondent PIO concerned was directed to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case. As the appellant was not present on that hearing, an opportunity was given to the appellant to represent this case in person or through his representative.

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

Sh. Kesar Pal Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 10949 dated 07.01.2020, intimating that the information sought for by the appellant is voluminous in nature, moreover not specific. It is taken on record.

After going through the queries raised by the appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, through his RTI request, it is found that the information sought for by the appellant at point no. 03 of the RTI request can be supplied.

Accordingly, the respondent-PIO is directed to supply the certified copies of the information to the appellant in connection with point no. 03 of the RTI request and for remaining information at points no. 01 and 02 of the RTI request, he/she (the respondent-PIO concerned) will file a written reply in the shape of an affidavit, by or on the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 2nd March, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
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V/s



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...Appellant

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. 2316 of 2019

Present: Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, the appellant in person.

Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, in person.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 07.11.2019 and another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post. As the appellant was not present on that hearing, an opportunity was given to the appellant 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 and to represent this case in person or through his representative.

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

Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 13708 dated 17.05.2019, showing that the information sought for by the appellant also relates with office of Regional Transport Authority, Patiala and relates with office of Regional Transport Authority, S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali). It is taken on record.

After examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that the respondent PIO has only intimated the Commission that the information sought for by the appellant relates with offices of Regional Transport Authority, Patiala and S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) but has not transferred the RTI request of the appellant concerned PIOs, which should have been transferred to the concerned offices within stipulated time under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act.

As the proper procedure was not followed by the respondent party, accordingly, the Public Information Officer office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, is directed to supply the required information to the appellant after collecting the same from the concerned offices, before the next date of hearing.

A copy of this order be sent alongwith RTI request to Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala and Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) through registered post for ready reference with the advice to ensure presence of any of official of their offices as a representative to represent this case on the next date of hearing to clear the facts of this case.

The case is <u>adjourned to 2nd March, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date: 8th January, 2020

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(Regd. Post) i)

The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,

Patiala (Punjab)

Encl : RTI Request

(Regd. Post) ii)

The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,

S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

Encl: RTI Request

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...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

(Regd. Post) O/o The Secretary,

Regional Transport Authority,

Faridkot (Punjab)

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2320 of 2019

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

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 07.11.2019 and another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post. An opportunity was given to the appellant 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.

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 even after a period of ten months.

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. Faridkot 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.

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.

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The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post at his residential address before the next date of hearing and produce a copy of the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the appellant, before the Commission on 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 so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is <u>adjourned to 2nd March, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
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... Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, **O/o** The Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur(Punjab)

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2327 of 2019

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

Sh. Satpal, Naib Tehsil Kanungo, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 07.11.2019 and none of the parties were present and another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post. An opportunity was given to the appellant 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 was also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative.

Sh. Satpal, Naib Tehsil Kanungo, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1207 dated 01.01.2020 signed by District Revenue Officer-cum- Public Information Officer, Gurdaspur, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh, appended to which is a written note dated 20.12.2019 signed by the appellant stating that he has received the requisite information. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, through a letter dated 08.01.2019, has acknowledged that he has received the requisite information and 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.

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...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur(Punjab)

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2328 of 2019

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

Sh. Satpal, Naib Tehsil Kanungo, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 07.11.2019 and none of the parties were present and another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post. An opportunity was given to the appellant 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 was also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative.

Sh. Satpal, Naib Tehsil Kanungo, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1204 dated 01.01.2020 signed by District Revenue Officer-cum- Public Information Officer, Gurdaspur, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh, appended to which is a written note dated 20.12.2019 signed by the appellant stating that he has received the requisite information. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, through a letter dated 08.01.2019, has acknowledged that he has received the requisite information and 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.

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...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian, Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Regional Deputy Director, Local Government, Pb., Amritsar(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2329 of 2019

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

Sh. Ramesh Kumar, Inspector, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 07.11.2019 and none of the parties were present and another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post. An opportunity was given to the appellant 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.

Sh. Ramesh Kumar, Inspector, who appeared on behalf of the respondent in today's hearing, hands over the requisite information, vide letter dated 03.01.2020 to the appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh during the hearing in the Commission today. He also submits a point-wise reply vide letter no. 04 dated 03.01.2020, signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

After going through the information supplied to him during the hearing, the appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, intimates the Commission that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO as information at point no. 05 and 06 of the RTI request is still pending.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO to supply the certified copies of the remaining information at point no. 05 and 06 of the RTI request to the appellant by or on the next date of hearing positively.

The case is adjourned to 2nd March, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.

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... Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian,
Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur(Punjab)
First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Local Government, Pb., Amritsar(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2331 of 2019

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

Sh. Ramesh Kumar, Inspector, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 07.11.2019 and none of the parties were present and another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post. An opportunity was given to the appellant 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.

Sh. Ramesh Kumar, Inspector, who appeared on behalf of the respondent in today's hearing, hands over the requisite information, vide letter dated 03.01.2020 to the appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh during the hearing in the Commission today. He also submits a point-wise reply vide letter no. 04 dated 03.01.2020, signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

After going through the information supplied to him during the hearing, the appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, intimates the Commission that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO as information at point no. 07 of the RTI request is still pending.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO to supply the certified copies of the remaining information at point no. 07 of the RTI request to the appellant by or on the next date of hearing positively.

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...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur(Punjab)

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2333 of 2019

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

Sh. Satpal, Naib Tehsil Kanungo, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 07.11.2019 an none of the parties were present and another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post. An opportunity was given to the appellant 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 was also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative.

Sh. Satpal, Naib Tehsil Kanungo, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1205 dated 01.01.2020 signed by District Revenue Officer-cum- Public Information Officer, Gurdaspur, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh, appended to which is a written note dated 20.12.2019 signed by the appellant stating that he has received the requisite information. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, through a letter dated 08.01.2019, has acknowledged that he has received the requisite information and 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.

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...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Nangal, Distt. RoopNagar (Punjab)

Date: 8th January, 2020

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Ludhiana(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2273 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

- Sh. Manjinder Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, in person;
- ii) Sh. Paramjit Singh, Assistant Town Planner, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 07.11.2019 and last opportunity was 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 his RTI request, through registered post and submit a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission and to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case on the fixed date of hearing so that facts of this case could be cleared.

The appellant, Sh. Ravinder Singh, is not present in today's hearing.

Sh. Manjinder Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person with Sh. Paramjit Singh, Assistant Town Planner, in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 16 dated 01.01.2020 signed by Public Information Officer office of Nagar Council, Nangal, showing that a point-wise reply has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Ravinder Singh. On that reply, the appellant has put his signatures as an acknowledgement of having received the requisite information. It is taken on record.

After going through the queries raised by the appellant, Sh. Ravinder Singh through his RTI request and the response given by the respondent PIO concerned, it is found that complete information has been supplied by the respondent PIO to the appellant as per queries raised by him through his RTI request.

Since the information stands supplied in the instant appeal case, hence, the case is announced as <u>disposed of and closed.</u>

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V/s



Jasbir Singh, Village Bholapur Jhabewal, P. O.- Ramgarh, Distt. – Ludhiana (Punjab)

Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,

Ludhiana(Punjab)

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

... Respondents

...Appellant

Appeal Case No. 2252 of 2019

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

Sh. Ravinder Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 07.11.2019 and another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post. An opportunity was given to the appellant 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 was also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative.

The appellant, Sh. Jasbir 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. Ravinder Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent in today's hearing, states that the requisite information could not be supplied to the appellant as the information sought for by him is voluminous in nature, moreover not specific. He also requests that if the appellant would be more specific for what he demands, so that the required information could be provided to him.

On this, the appellant specified that he requires whether 'training certificate' (Mahuana) Form – 5 has been taken or not, while issuing Heavy Driving Licenses for the period from 01.10.2018 to 31.03.2019.

The respondent-PIO is directed to supply the required information to the appellant in the form of a CD or he/she (the respondent-PIO concerned) will file a written reply, in the shape of an affidavit, to the query/queries raised by the appellant through his RTI request, by or on the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

The case is adjourned to 2nd March, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.

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V/s.



Parveen Kohli S/o Sh. Sawdesh Kohli, House Number 451/2, College Road, Jagraon, Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Jagraon,

Distt. Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Pb., Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2258 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Heera Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 07.11.2019 and Sh. Amarpal Singh, Clerk, who appeared for the respondent PIO on that day, stated that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 1127 dated 25.06.2019 through e-mail. The respondent PIO concerned was directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post/in person at his residential address. An opportunity was given to the appellant 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 was also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative.

Sh. Heera Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Parveen Kohli.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 2207-08 dated 31.12.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Jagraon, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail dated 06.01.2020, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Parveen Kohli. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Parveen Kohli, through a letter dated 07.01.2020, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. Through that letter, he has also intimated the Commission that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far. It is taken on record.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO through registered post with a copy to the Commission and to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 2nd March, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
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M. S. Toor, Advocate, Chamber No. 2004, New Courts, Ludhiana (Punjab)

... Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Zone – D, Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2564 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 19.11.2019 and the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 180 dated 14.11.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Tax Superintendent(Non-Technical) office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Zone – D, Ludhiana, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information of 104 pages was supplied to the appellant through registered post. An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information in response to his RTI request or not.

Neither the appellant, Sh. M. S. Toor, Advocate nor the respondent is present in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 180 dated 14.11.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Tax Superintendent(Non-Technical) office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Zone – D, Ludhiana, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information of 104 pages has already been supplied to the appellant.

The appellant, Sh. M. S. Toor, Advocate was absent on the last date of hearing, held on 19.11.2019 and he is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has neither pointed out any deficiency in the information supplied to him, to the respondent-PIO, nor approached the Commission with any contrary claim in that regard.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the appellant is satisfied with the information supplied to him and does not wish to pursue this case further and hence the case is disposed of and closed.

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V/s



Surjit Singh, H. No. 2990/76, Street – 04, Guru Gobind Singh Nagar, Near Mair Di Chakki, P. O. – Daba, Ludhiana – 141003 (Punjab)

...Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2578 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Satish Kumar, Assistant Town Planner, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 19.11.2019 and Sh. Chander Parkash, Draftsman,

appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO and submitted a copy of reply in an affidavit signed by the appellant, showing that he has only withdrawn his complaints filed regarding 81 buildings in Zone – C but not the RTI request, filed by him in the instant appeal case. As the respondent-PIO concerned had not given any response or the required information to the appellant under his signatures till date, hence, he was directed to file a reply, in writing, to each and every query, raised by the appellant through his RTI request as per official record. Another opportunity was given to the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative so that the facts of this case could be cleared.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 301 dated 08.11.2019 signed by Public Information Officer -cum-Assistant Town Planner, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh vide letter no. 207 dated 12.09.2019. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

Sh. Satish Kumar, Assistant Town Planner, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh. He also submits a written-note vide letter dated 11.12.2019 signed by the appellant, acknowledging that he has received the required information vide letter no. 207 dated 12.09.2019 and is satisfied with the same.

In view of the above, the case is announced as <u>disposed of and closed</u>. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2579 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Satish Kumar, Assistant Town Planner, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 19.11.2019 and another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post.

Sh. Satish Kumar, Assistant Town Planner, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a copy of reply in an affidavit signed by the appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh. It is taken on record.

After going through the reply (signed by the appellant) submitted by the representative of the respondent, it emerges that the appellant has only withdrawn his complaints filed regarding 81 buildings in Zone – C but not the RTI request, filed by him in the instant appeal case.

The appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh, is not present in today's hearing. He has neither sent any intimation regarding his non-availability nor sent any written- submission to the Commission intimating that he is willing to withdraw the RTI request filed by him in the instant appeal case.

Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the appellant to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing so that the facts of this case could be cleared or it would be assumed that the appellant does not wish to pursue this case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is <u>adjourned to 2nd March, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
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V/s

Sarabjit Singh Gill, H. No. 60-35-P-376-1, Street – 08, Maha Singh Nagar, P. O. – Dhandari kalan, Ludhiana – 141014 (Punjab)

...Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2582 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Satish Kumar, Assistant Town Planner, on behalf of Superintendent of office

of RTI Cell.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 19.11.2019 and an opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 11.12.2019 at 11:00 A. M. so that the appellant could identify the information. The respondent-PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him as per official record. An opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information (which would be supplied, after inspection, to him), in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned

Sh. Satish Kumar, Assistant Town Planner, who appeared on behalf of Superintendent of RTI Cell, in today's hearing, submits a copy of reply vide letter no. 103 dated 06.01.2020, signed by Superintendent, RTI, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, intimating that neither the appellant nor any of his representative visited the office of the respondent on 11.12.2019 to inspect the relevant official record as directed by the Commission vide orders dated 19.11.2019. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Sarabjit Singh Gill, was absent on the hearing, held on 19.11.2019. He is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has also not approached the Commission with any claim.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the appellant does not wish to pursue this case further and hence the case is announced as <u>disposed of and closed</u>.

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...Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,

Patiala (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2638 of 2019

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

Sh. Dharamveer, Junior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 19.11.2019 and an opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 02.12.2019 at 11:00 A. M. so that the appellant could identify the information. The respondent-PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him as per official record. An opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information (which would be supplied, after inspection, to him by the respondent PIO), in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned

Sh. Dharamveer, Junior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh.

The appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, through a letter dated 08.01.2019, has acknowledged that he has received the requisite information and 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.

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....Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, SCO No. 177-178, Sector 17-C, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1334 of 2018

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Dharamveer, Junior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 19.11.2019 and an opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 02.12.2019 at 11:00 A. M. so that the appellant could identify the information. The respondent-PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him as per official record. He was also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative.

Sh. Dharamveer, Junior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a copy of reply vide letter no. 9333 dated 02.12.2019 signed by Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala, showing that in compliance to the order dated 19.11.2019, the appellant, Sh. Ravinder Kataria has visited the office of the respondent on 02.12.2019 to inspect the relevant official record. On that reply, the appellant has also put his signatures on 02.12.2019. It is taken on record.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the appellant, Sh. Ravinder Kataria through a letter dated 02.12.2019, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he has inspected the relevant official record and is satisfied with the same and will have no objection if the case is closed. It is taken on record.

In view of all the above, the case is <u>disposed of and closed</u>. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Managing Director, PEPSU Road Transport Corporation, Patiala(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Managing Director, PEPSU Road Transport Corporation, Patiala(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1213 of 2019

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

Sh. Narinder Kumar, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 26.11.2019 and due to evasive attitude of the respondent PIO concerned, a compensation of Rs. 2000/- was awarded to the appellant and delay in this case is more than ten months and hence, for holding guilty of violation under Section 20 (1) as per provisions of the RTI Act and for making delay more than 250 days in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker, a penalty of Rs. 2500/- was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of PEPSU Road Transport Corporation, Patiala. Last opportunity was 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 his RTI request, through registered post. An opportunity was given to the appellant 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.

Sh. Narinder Kumar, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 9414 dated 07.01.2020 signed by Public Information Officer office of P. R. T. C., Patiala, showing that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information of fifteen pages has been brought in the Commission so that the same could be handed over to the appellant, Sh. Jaspal Singh during the hearing. He also handed over the same to the appellant during the hearing in the Commission today. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

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Sh. Narinder Kumar, Senior Assistant, also hands over a cheque bearing no. 285121 dated 07.01.2020 of Rs. 2000/- as compensation amount, which was awarded vide orders dated 26.11.2019, to the appellant, Sh. Jaspal Singh during the hearing in the Commission today. A copy of the cheque is taken on record.

Sh. Narinder Kumar, Senior Assistant, also submits a copy of receipt challan dated 07.01.2020, showing that penalty amount of Rs. 2500/-, which was imposed upon the concerned PIO vide orders dated 26.11.2019, has been deposited. It is taken on record.

After going through the information supplied, the appellant, Sh. Jaspal Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 16.01.2020 at 11:00 A. M. The appellant is also advised to avail the opportunity to inspect the relevant official record on 16.01.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information.

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

The concerned PIO, who is Sh. Prem Lal, Deputy Controller (F & A) and Sh. Narinder Kumar, Senior Assistant, are directed to remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

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.

The case is <u>adjourned to 25th February, 2020 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date: 8th January, 2020

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