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Shri Mahinder Singh, (M: 96461-41428),
S/o Shri Ram Singh,
Q. No. T-2/171, RSD Staff Colony,
Shahpurkandi Township,
Tehsil & Distt. Pathankot.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Inspection & Quality Control Circle,
Shahpurkandi Dam Project,
Shahpurkandi Township.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
Superintending Engineer,
Shahpurkandi Dam Project,
Shahpurkandi Township.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4652 of 2019

Present:- Shri Mohinder Singh, appellant is present.
Shri Som Pal, APIO-cum-SDO is present on behalf of the PIO, O/o Inspection & Quality Control Divn., Shahpur Kandi Dam Project, Shahpur Kandi Township.

O R D E R

Shri Mohinder Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 18.09.2019 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o Inspection & Quality Control Circle, Shahpurkandi Dam Project, Shahpurkandi Township.

I have gone through the Order dated 05.02.2020 and the information related to para no. 1 of the RTI application has been provided to the appellant.

Shri Som Pal, APIO has come present today and stated that the information had been provided to the appellant, but the appellant is not satisfied with the information which was provided to him by the PIO. He has submitted duly attested affidavit dated 11.03.2020 which has been handed over to the appellant today before the Commission and the attested photo copy of the affidavit is taken in the file of the Commission.

I have gone through the contents of the affidavit and it is submitted that the information which was available in the office of the public authority has been provided to the appellant vide letter no. 2231-32/RTI dated 20.11.2019, letter no. 192-94/RTI dated 09.01.2020 and letter no. 881-84/RTI dated 22.02.2019. It is further submitted in the affidavit that the information which was available in the office of the public authority has already been provided to

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the appellant and except that no other information is available or traceable in the record of the public authority, so the respondent is unable to provide the remaining information, if any.

As the information which was available in the office of the public authority has been provided to the appellant, so the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed**.

Dated: 11.03.2020

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Shri Lucas Bhatti,
C/o Adv. Neha Dewan,
House No. 2140, Second Floor,
Sector 21-C, Chandigarh.

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/ o Municipal Council,
Zirakpur, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Regional Deputy Director,
Local Government, Patiala.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1944 of 2019

Present:- Ms. Neha Dewan, Advocate is present on behalf of Shri Lucas Bhatti, appellant. Shri Girish Verma, former PIO-cum-EO, Municipal Council, Zirakpur is present. None present on behalf of Shri Manvir Singh Gill, PIO-cum-EO, Municipal Council, Zirakpur.

O R D E R

Shri Lucas Bhatti, appellant filed RTI application dated 30.07.2018 and sought some information from the office of the PIO.

Shri Girish Verma, the then PIO-cum-EO, Municipal Council, Zirakpur, who is presently under suspension, has come present.

A Show Cause Notice was issued to Shri Girish Verma, the then PIO-cum-EO, MC, Zirakpur vide Order dated 11.09.2019 and today he has come present and requested that he wanted to file reply to the show cause notice and sought some time.

The request of Shri Girish Verma is accepted and he is directed that he should file reply to the show cause notice through duly attested affidavit on the next date of hearing and an opportunity of personal hearing will be afforded to him on the show cause notice that why you may not be penalized U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 for not providing the information to the appellant within the stipulated period.

Ms. Neha Dewan, Advocate who has come present on behalf of the appellant stated that the appellant sought information through his RTI application dated 30.07.2018 regarding M/s Chandigarh Colonizers of Village Kishanpura, Zirakpur, but on the last date of hearing the PIO has submitted an affidavit regarding Chandigarh Enclave Project.

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So, Shri Manveer Singh Gill, PIO-cum-EO, Municipal Council, Zirakpur should personally come present on the next date of hearing and file reply to the appeal filed by the appellant.

Both the parties should personally come present on the next date of hearing on **24.03.2020 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 11.03.2020

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

Regd. CC: Director, Local Bodies, Govt. of Punjab, Sector-35, Chandigarh

– for compliance of the above said order.

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Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, (M: 98149-24851),
R/o 8/237, Jagroan Road,
Mandi Mullanpur,
Distt. Ludhiana.

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/ o DGP, H.Q., Punjab,
Sector-9, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o DGP, H.Q., Punjab,
Sector-9, Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4705 of 2019

Present:- Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta (Advocate), appellant is present.
Shri Balwinder Singh, APIO-cum-Superintendent is present on behalf of the PIO,
O/o DGP, H.Q., Punjab, Chandigarh.

O R D E R

Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta (Advocate), appellant filed RTI application dated 11.12.2019 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o DGP, H.Q. Punjab, Sector-9, Chandigarh.

Both the parties are present today. The APIO submitted a copy of letter no. 602 dated 09.03.2020, which is taken in the file of the Commission and the copy of the same has been handed over to the appellant today before the Bench.

I have gone through letter no. 602 and it is submitted that the information related to point nos. 1 and 2 of the RTI application is available on the Website of the department which is open for public domain and the appellant is advised to download the information from the Website. It is further submitted in the letter that the information regarding point nos. 3 to 5 of the RTI application is not related with the office of the DGP, rather, it is related with the concerned District/units and the appellant is advised to apply for the information with the concerned offices.

As the information which was available in the office of the PIO has been provided to the appellant, so the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed**.

Dated: 11.03.2020

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Mandi Mullanpur,
Distt. Ludhiana.

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/ o DGP, H.Q., Punjab,
Sector-9, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o DGP, H.Q., Punjab,
Sector-9, Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4706 of 2019

Present:- Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta (Advocate), appellant is present.
Shri Balwinder Singh, APIO-cum-Superintendent is present on behalf of the PIO,
O/o DGP, H.Q., Punjab, Chandigarh.

ORDER

Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta (Advocate), appellant filed RTI application dated 10.12.2019 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o DGP, H.Q. Punjab, Sector-9, Chandigarh.

Both the parties are present today. The respondent APIO submitted a copy of letter no. 603 dated 09.03.2020, which is taken in the file of the Commission and a copy of the same is handed over to the appellant.

I have gone through the said letter and the information sought by the appellant has been denied U/s 11, 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005 and the Hon'ble Supreme Court guidelines held in SLP(C) No. 27734 of 2012 dated 03.10.2012.

The appellant stated that he be given an opportunity to file reply to the version of the PIO. So, the appellant is directed that he should file reply to the version of the PIO on the next date of hearing.

Both the parties should personally come present on the next date of hearing on **26.03.2020 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 11.03.2020

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Mandi Mullanpur,
Distt. Ludhiana.

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/ o DGP, H.Q., Punjab,
Sector-9, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o DGP, H.Q., Punjab,
Sector-9, Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4707 of 2019

Present:- Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta (Advocate), appellant is present.
Shri Balwinder Singh, APIO-cum-Superintendent is present on behalf of the PIO,
O/o DGP, H.Q., Punjab, Chandigarh.

ORDER

Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta (Advocate), appellant filed RTI application dated 12.12.2019 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o DGP, H.Q. Punjab, Sector-9, Chandigarh.

Both the parties are present today. The APIO submitted a copy of letter no. 605 dated 09.03.2020, which is taken in the file of the Commission and the copy of the same has been handed over to the appellant today before the Bench.

The appellant after going through the said letter stated that the detail of promotion as was sought by him through point no.5 of the RTI application has not been provided to him.

The PIO is directed that information related with the promotion of DSP Shri Gurbans Singh Bains from ASI to SI and SI to Inspector, orders of these promotions be also provided to the appellant on the next date of hearing by getting it from the concerned Branch.

Both the parties should personally come present on the next date of hearing on **26.03.2020 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 11.03.2020

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Shri Dinesh Gupta, (M: 98140-76643),
H.No. 71, Sector 20-D,
P.O. Mandi Gobindgarh.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o E.O., Municipal Council,
Mandi Gobindgarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Director,
Urban Local Bodies,
Ludhiana.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4470 of 2019

Present:- Shri Dinesh Gupta, appellant is present.
Shri Charanjit Singh, PIO-cum-EO, Municipal Council, Mandi Gobindgarh is Present.

ORDER

Shri Dinesh Gupta, appellant filed RTI application dated 12.07.2019 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o E.O., Municipal Council, Mandi Gobindgarh.

I have gone through the RTI application dated 12.07.2019 and also gone through the Order dated 13.02.2020.

In compliance to the Order passed by the Commission the PIO today provided the demand draft dated 04.03.2020 amounting to Rs. 2,000/- to be paid in favour of Shri Dinesh Gupta, appellant and also provided the information to the appellant.

The appellant has received the demand draft of Rs. 2,000/- along with attested copies of information and after going through the information he stated that he is satisfied. He has submitted a duly signed written submission dated 11.03.2020 that he has received the information and he is satisfied with the information. The said written submission is taken in the file of the Commission.

As the information has been provided to the appellant by the PIO and the appellant is satisfied, so the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed**.

Dated: 11.03.2020

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Ms. Sukhjit Kaur,
213, Phase 3 A,
Mohali.

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/ o Municipal Corporation,
Sector 68, SAS Nagar,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
Joint Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
SAS Nagar, Mohali.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case Nos. 2389 of 2019

Present:- Ms. Sukhjit Kaur, appellant is present.
Shri Ranjit Kumar, PIO-cum-Secretary, O/o Municipal Corporation, Mohali is present.

O R D E R

Ms. Sukhjit Kaur, appellant filed RTI application dated 07.02.2019 and she sought information that what action has been taken and what is the current status of the complaints filed by her, which are as under :-

1. Complaint No. 2306 dated 29.10.2018
2. Complaint No. 225 dated 05.11.2018
3. Complaint No. 1729 dated 19.11.2018
4. Complaint No. 215 dated 30.11.2018

The PIO has already given a formal reply to the appellant that the investigations are still pending, but the appellant is not satisfied with the said reply.

So the PIO is directed that a detailed reply regarding each complaint be provided to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

Both the parties should personally come present on the next date of hearing on **08.04.2020 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 11.03.2020

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213, Phase 3 A,
Mohali.

.....Appellant.

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O/ o Municipal Corporation,
Sector 68, SAS Nagar,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
Joint Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
SAS Nagar, Mohali.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case Nos. 2390 of 2019

Present:- Ms. Sukhjit Kaur, appellant is present.
Shri Ranjit Kumar, PIO-cum-Secretary, O/o Municipal Corporation, Mohali.

O R D E R

Ms. Sukhjit Kaur, appellant filed RTI application dated 07.02.2019 and she sought some information from the office of the PIO.

Both the parties are present today.

Shri Ranjit Kumar, PIO stated that the sought for information has been provided to the appellant vide letter no. 289/Secy dated 09.03.2020. He has submitted a copy of letter no.289/Secy dated 09.03.2020, which is taken in the file of the Commission.

The appellant, Ms. Sukhjit Kaur stated that she has received the sought for information and she is satisfied. She has submitted a duly signed written submission dated 11.03.2020 that she has received the sought for information and she is satisfied.

As the information has been received by the appellant and she is satisfied with the information, so the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed.**

Dated: 11.03.2020

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Shri Bhupinder Punj, (M: 99152-35055),
R/o 186, Village Luhara,
Distt. Ludhiana.

..... Appellant

Vs

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner,
State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
SCO 76-77, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3827 of 2019

Present:- Shri Bhupinder Punj, appellant is present.
Shri Harivansh, Data Entry Operator is present on behalf of Shri Bhupinder Singh, PIO-cum-ATO, O/o Secretary, RTA, Bhatinda.

O R D E R

Shri Bhupinder Punj, appellant filed RTI application dated 25.06.2019 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda. When no information was provided to him by the PIO, then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 27.07.2019. Then he filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 15.10.2019. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today.

Both the parties are present today. The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the PIO.

The respondent, who has come present on behalf of the PIO, submitted a copy of letter no. 5005/2020 dated 09.03.2020 and it is submitted by the PIO that the same information has been provided to the appellant in appeal case no. 3936 of 2019 on 06.03.2020 and requested to dispose of the present appeal case.

The appellant stated that the sought for information in the present appeal case is not the same as per appeal case no. 3936 of 2019, rather, it is different information.

So the PIO is directed that if the sought for information in the present appeal case is as per appeal case no. 3936 of 2019, then he should submit the copy of the RTI application filed in appeal case no.3936 of 2019 on the next date of hearing. If the sought for

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Appeal Case No. 3827 of 2019

information is different from the appeal case no. 3936 of 2019, then provide the attested copies of sought for information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

Both the parties to come present on the next date of hearing on **26.03.2020 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 11.03.2020

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..... Appellant

Vs

(Regd.) Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner,
State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
SCO 76-77, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3828 of 2019

Present:- Shri Bhupinder Punj, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of Shri Baldev Singh Randhawa, PIO-cum-RTA,
Pathankot.

O R D E R

Shri Bhupinder Punj, appellant filed RTI application dated 25.06.2019 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Pathankot. When no information was provided to him by the PIO, then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 27.07.2019. Then he filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 15.10.2019. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today.

The appellant is present today, whereas none has come present on behalf of Shri Baldev Singh Randhawa, PIO-cum-RTA, Pathankot. The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the PIO till today.

So, the PIO, Shri Baldev Singh Randhawa is directed that the attested copies of sought for information be sent to the appellant through registered post within 10 days and PIO should personally come present on the next date of hearing along with copy of information and copy of postal receipt. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission, a Show Cause Notice will be issued to the PIO.

Both the parties to come present on the next date of hearing on **01.04.2020 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 11.03.2020

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Bhupinder Punj, (M: 99152-35055),
R/o 186, Village Luhara,
Distt. Ludhiana.

..... Appellant

Vs

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner,
State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
SCO 76-77, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3829 of 2019

Present:- Shri Bhupinder Punj, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of Shri Tarlochan Singh Sahota, PIO-cum-RTA,
Ferozepur.

O R D E R

Shri Bhupinder Punj, appellant filed RTI application dated 25.06.2019 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur. When no information was provided to him by the PIO, then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 27.07.2019. Then he filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 15.10.2019. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today.

The appellant is present today, whereas none has come present on behalf of Shri Tarlochan Singh Sahota, PIO-cum-RTA, Ferozepur. The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the PIO till today.

So, the PIO, Shri Tarlochan Singh Sahota is directed that the attested copies of sought for information be sent to the appellant through registered post within 10 days and PIO should personally come present on the next date of hearing along with copy of information and copy of postal receipt. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission, a Show Cause Notice will be issued to the PIO.

Both the parties to come present on the next date of hearing on **01.04.2020 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 11.03.2020

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..... Appellant

Vs

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner,
State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
SCO 76-77, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3830 of 2019

Present:- Shri Bhupinder Punj, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of the PIO-cum-RTA, Faridkot.

O R D E R

Shri Bhupinder Punj, appellant filed RTI application dated 25.06.2019 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot. When no information was provided to him by the PIO, then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 27.07.2019. Then he filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 15.10.2019. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today.

The appellant is present today, whereas none has come present on behalf of the PIO-cum-RTA, Faridkot. The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the PIO till today.

So, the PIO-cum-RTA, Faridkot is directed that the attested copies of sought for information be sent to the appellant through registered post within 10 days and PIO should personally come present on the next date of hearing along with copy of information and copy of postal receipt. In case of non compliance of the order of the Commission, a show cause notice will be issued to the PIO.

Both the parties to come present on the next date of hearing on **01.04.2020 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 11.03.2020

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..... Appellant

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O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner,
State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
SCO 76-77, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3831 of 2019

Present:- Shri Bhupinder Punj, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of Shri Darbara Singh Randhawa, PIO-cum-RTA,
Amritsar.

O R D E R

Shri Bhupinder Punj, appellant filed RTI application dated 25.06.2019 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar. When no information was provided to him by the PIO, then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 27.07.2019. Then he filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 15.10.2019. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today.

The appellant is present today, whereas none has come present on behalf of the PIO-cum-RTA, Amritsar. The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the PIO till today.

The Commission has received a mail sent by the PIO on 20.01.2020 diarized vide no. 1287, which is a copy of letter no. 0072 dated 15.01.2020 and it is submitted by the PIO that the information has been supplied to the appellant in the form of Pen drive. On the other hand, the appellant stated that he has received no information.

So, the PIO or the APIO should personally come present on the next date of hearing and clarify regarding the supply of information and also bring the attested copies of sought for information.

Both the parties to come present on the next date of hearing on **01.04.2020 at 11:00 A.M.**

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..... Appellant

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O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner,
State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
SCO 76-77, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3832 of 2019

Present:- Shri Bhupinder Punj, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of Shri Darbara Singh Randhawa, PIO-cum-RTA,
Amritsar.

O R D E R

Shri Bhupinder Punj, appellant filed RTI application dated 29.06.2019 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar. When no information was provided to him by the PIO, then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 28.07.2019. Then he filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 15.10.2019. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today.

The appellant is present today, whereas none has come present on behalf of the PIO-cum-RTA, Amritsar. The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the PIO till today.

The Commission has received a mail sent by the PIO on 20.01.2020 diarized vide no. 1230, which is a copy of letter no. 0071 dated 15.01.2020 and it is submitted by the PIO that the information has been supplied to the appellant in the form of Pen drive. On the other hand, the appellant stated that he has received no information.

So, the PIO or the APIO should personally come present on the next date of hearing and clarify regarding the supply of information and also bring the attested copies of sought for information.

Both the parties to come present on the next date of hearing on **01.04.2020 at 11:00 A.M.**

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Shri Bhupinder Punj, (M: 99152-35055),
R/o 186, Village Luhara,
Distt. Ludhiana.

..... Appellant

Vs

(Regd.) Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner,
State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
SCO 76-77, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3834 of 2019

Present:- Shri Bhupinder Punj, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of Shri Baldev Singh Randhawa, PIO-cum-Secretary,
RTA, Pathankot.

O R D E R

Shri Bhupinder Punj, appellant is present today, but none has come present on behalf of the PIO.

I have gone through the Order dated 12.02.2020 and a Show Cause Notice was issued to Shri Baldev Singh Randhawa, PIO-cum-Secretary, RTA, Pathankot and he was directed to come personally present for today and file reply to the Show Cause Notice, but he has not come present today and neither he sent any intimation to the Commission.

So, another opportunity is granted to Shri Baldev Singh Randhawa, PIO-cum-Secretary, RTA, Pathankot that he should personally come present on the next date of hearing and file reply to the show cause notice. In case he would not come present then it will be assumed that he is not interested in filing reply to the Show Cause Notice and the Show Cause Notice will be decided after the perusal of the case file.

The PIO is further directed that attested copies of information and the demand draft of Rs. 2,000/- which was awarded as compensation in favour of the appellant be provided to the appellant within 10 days.

Both the parties to come present on the next date of hearing on **01.04.2020 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 11.03.2020

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Appeal Case No. 3836 of 2019

Present:- Shri Bhupinder Punj, appellant is present.
Shri Gurcharan Singh Sandhu, PIO-cum-ATO, O/o Secretary, RTA, Sangrur is present.

O R D E R

Shri Bhupinder Punj, appellant filed RTI application dated 29.06.2019 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur.

The Commission has already ordered the PIO that the attested copies of sought for information be sent to the appellant through registered post within a week, but instead of making compliance of the Order of the Commission, the PIO has today submitted a copy of letter no. 7035 dated 09.03.2020 written by the Secretary, RTA, Sangrur, Shri Karanbiir Singh Chhina and it is submitted in the letter that the attested copies of the receipt book cannot be provided as it can be mis-used and secondly he has denied the attested copies of log book.

The Regional Transport Authority is not the authority under Right to Information Act, 2005. The decision is to be taken by the PIO and the appeal is also filed against the PIO before the First Appellate Authority and then the Second Appeal is to be filed against the First Appellate Authority. But in the present case the RTA, Sangrur is taking a different view, which is not acceptable under the law.

So, I direct the PIO-cum-ATO, Sangrur to provide the attested copies of receipt books and attested copies of log book to the appellant as was sought by him through his RTI application dated 29.06.2019 before the next date of hearing. In case the RTA, Sangrur would not provide the record to the PIO for providing it to the appellant, then the RTA, Sangrur being

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the administrative head of the office and the being the deemed PIO will be responsible for not providing the information to the appellant and a Show Cause Notice will be issued to him on the next date of hearing.

Both the parties to come present on the next date of hearing on **26.03.2020 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 11.03.2020

**(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.**