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Sh. Jagjit Singh, R/o Aman Nagar, Street No.3, Backside Green Land School, Near Jalandhar by Pass, Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

...Respondents

### AC.No. 555 of 2020

**Present:** (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant.

(ii) Sh. Satinder Kumar, APIO (Drawing Branch) and Sh. Surjit Singh, Jr. Engineer

(O&M Branch), on behalf of the PIO.

#### **ORDER**

- The RTI application is dated 01.10.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 05.11.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 30.01.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 17.03.2020 by the Commission.
- 3. The appellant is absent. Intimation has been received from the appellant in the Commission vide diary no. 4777 dated 12.03.2020 stating that due to personal problem, he is unable to attend today's hearing. He has also mentioned that information which has been provided to him by the PIO is totally misguided and incomplete.
- 4. Sh. Satinder Kumar, APIO (Drawing Branch) comes present on behalf of the PIO and states that information as per RTI application of the appellant has been sent to him vide letter dated 26.02.2020 by registered post. Copy of the same is taken on record.
- 5. Sh. Surjit Singh, Junior Engineer comes present on behalf of O/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Branch-O & M) and states that information pertaining to point no. 4 is related to their Branch. He states that information as related to their branch has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 09.01.2020 by speed post. Copy of the same is taken on record.

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- 6. The PIO (Building Branch) and PIO (O&M Branch) O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana are directed to appear in person and file an affidavit in the next hearing duly attested by the Notary Public stating that all information available in official records in respect of AC No. 555 of 2020 has been provided to the appellant. The information provided is authentic and correct. Nothing has been concealed therein.
- 7. The appellant is requested to follow up the case before the Commission by appearing in person, failing which decision may be taken in his absentia based on documents available on file.
- 8. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **11.05.2020** at **11.30** AM. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Chandigarh **17.03.2020** 

(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd))
State Information Commissioner

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CC: (i) Public Information Officer (Building Branch) O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (By Name)

(ii) Public Information Officer (O&M Branch) O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (By Name)

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Sh. Sanjeev Thakur (Press Reporter), Village: Gudha Khurd, P.O:Madhopur.

...Appellant

**Public Information Officer.** O/o Executive Officer,

Improvement Trust,

Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority-cum-O/o Deputy Director,

Local Bodies, Amritsar,

...Respondents

AC.No. 579 of 2020

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Present: None of the parties.

#### **ORDER**

- The RTI application is dated 06.11.2019 vide which the appellant has sought 1. information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 10.11.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 31.01.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 17.03.2020 by the Commission.
- 3. The appellant is absent for today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission.
- 4. The PIO is also absent. Intimation has been received from the PIO that information as per the RTI application of the appellant has been provided to him vide letter dated 21.01.2020.
- 5. To ascertain the satisfaction level of the appellant regarding the information provided, a telephonic contact was established with him. He expressed his satisfaction over the same.
- In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the instant appeal case. The 6. same is hereby, **disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd)) **State Information Commissioner** 

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Sh. Amar Singh, H.No.H.I.8, Phase-5, Mohali.

...Appellant

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**Public Information Officer,** O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala

First Appellate Authority-cum-O/o State Transport Commissioner, Puniab. Chandigarh.

...Respondents

#### AC.No. 613 of 2020

Present: (i) Sh. Amar Singh, the appellant.

(ii) Sh. Hardial Singh, APIO on behalf of the PIO.

#### ORDER

- 1. The RTI application is dated 03.10.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 13.01.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.02.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 17.03.2020 by the Commission.
- 3. The appellant states that even after a lapse of four months, no information has been provided to him by the PIO.
- 4. Sh. Hardial Singh, APIO comes present on behalf of the PIO and states that RTI application of the appellant is not specific. He requests that appellant be asked to visit their office and peruse the official records.
- The appellant is, thus, advised to visit the office of the respondent on **07.04.2020** (Tuesday) at 11.30AM and peruse the original records as available in the office of the respondent. The respondent is directed to provide access to records in his office and give copies of documents needed by the appellant. Photocopies of the same be provided to him duly page numbered, stamped and authenticated by the PIO.

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### AC.No. 613 of 2020

- 6. The PIO is also directed to provide information to the appellant on all the issues raised vide the RTI application prior to next hearing. The PIO will also file an affidavit in the next hearing duly attested by the Notary Public stating that all information available in official records in respect of AC No. 613 of 2020 has been provided to the appellant. The information provided is authentic and correct. Nothing has been concealed therein.
- 7. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **11.05.2020** at **11.30** AM. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Sh. Trilochan Singh, H.No.848-A, MIG.

Jamalpur Colony, Distt: Ludhiana.

...Appellant

**Public Information Officer,** 

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab Govt., Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab Govt., Chandigarh.

...Respondents

#### AC.No. 645 of 2020

Vs

Present: (i) Sh. Trilochan Singh, the appellant. (ii) Sh. Piara Singh, PIO, the respondent.

**ORDER** 

- The RTI application is dated 04.10.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as 1. enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 04.12.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.02.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 17.03.2020 by the Commission. 2.
- 3. The appellant states that till date, no information has been provided to him by the PIO.
- 4. Sh. Piara Singh, PIO comes present in person and states that he has brought the information today in the Commission for the perusal of the appellant. Copy of the same is handed over to the appellant.
- 5. The appellant perused the information provided and pointed out that he needs time to scrutinize it.
- The appellant is advised to go through the provided information in his own time and point out issues/short comings related to information provided by the PIO, if any. The PIO is directed to provide complete information to the appellant on all the issues raised vide the RTI application prior to next hearing. The PIO will also file an affidavit in the next hearing duly attested by the Notary Public stating that all information available in official records in respect of AC No. 645 of 2020 has been provided to the appellant. The information provided is authentic and correct. Nothing has been concealed therein.
- 7. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 20.04.2020 at 11.30 AM. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, R/o Village: Bholapur, P.O: Ramgarh, Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana.

...Appellant

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**Public Information Officer,** O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab Govt., Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority-cum**-O/o Deputy State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

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#### AC.No. 649 of 2020

Present:

(i) Sh. Tejinder Singh, the appellant.

(ii) Sh. Piara Singh, PIO, the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

- 1. The RTI application is dated 31.07.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 23.10.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.02.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 17.03.2020 by the Commission.
- 3. The appellant states that after a lapse of seven month, misleading information has been provided to him.
- 4. Sh. Piara Singh, PIO comes present in person and states that information as available on the official records has been provided to the appellant. He states that appellant has not pointed out any short comings in the information provided.
- 5. The appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent on **27.03.2020 (Friday)** at **11.00AM** and peruse the original records as available in the office of the respondent. The respondent is directed to provide access to records in his office and give copies of documents needed by the appellant. Photocopies of the same be provided to him duly page numbered, stamped and authenticated by the PIO.
- 6. The PIO is also directed to provide information to the appellant on all the issues raised vide the RTI application prior to next hearing. The PIO will also file an affidavit in the next hearing duly

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attested by the Notary Public stating that all information available in official records in respect of AC No. 649 of 2020 has been provided to the appellant. The information provided is authentic and correct. Nothing has been concealed therein.

7. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 20**.04.2020 at 11.30 AM.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. H.S.Hundal (Advocate), # 203, Judicial Courts, Sector:76, Mohali.

...Appellant

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**Public Information Officer,** O/o Regional Transport Authority, Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority-cum**-O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

#### AC.No. 621 of 2020

<u>Present:</u> (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant.(ii) Sh. Hardial Singh, APIO on behalf of the PIO.<u>ORDER</u>

- 1. The RTI application is dated 31.10.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 17.12.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.02.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 17.03.2020 by the Commission.
- 3. The appellant is absent, intimation has been received from the appellant in this regard by email dated 17.03.2020, which is taken on record.
- 4. Sh. Hardial Singh, APIO comes present on behalf of the PIO states that he has brought the information to deliver it personally to the appellant but the appellant is absent.
- The APIO is now, directed to send the same by registered post to the appellant under intimation to the Commission. The appellant is advised to go through the provided information in his own time and point out issues/short comings related to information provided by the PIO, if any. The PIO is directed to provide complete information to the appellant on all the issues raised vide the RTI application prior to next hearing. The PIO will also file an affidavit in the next hearing duly attested by the Notary Public stating that all information available in official records in respect of AC No. 621 of 2020 has been provided to the appellant. The information provided is authentic and correct. Nothing has been concealed therein.

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AC.No. 621 of 2020

6. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **20.04.2020** at **11.30 AM**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. H.S.Hundal (Advocate), # 203, Judicial Courts, Sector:76, Mohali.

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**Public Information Officer,** O/o Regional Transport Authority, Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority-cum**-O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

...Appellant

#### AC.No. 622 of 2020

<u>Present:</u> (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant.(ii) Sh. Hardial Singh, APIO on behalf of the PIO.ORDER

- 1. The RTI application is dated 31.10.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 01.12.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.02.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 17.03.2020 by the Commission.
- 3. The appellant is absent, intimation has been received from the appellant in this regard by email dated 17.03.2020, which is taken on record.
- 4. Sh. Hardial Singh, APIO comes present on behalf of the PIO states that he has brought the information to deliver it personally to the appellant but the appellant is absent.
- The PIO is now, directed to send the same by registered post to the appellant under intimation to the Commission. The appellant is advised to go through the provided information in his own time and point out issues/short comings related to information provided by the PIO, if any. The PIO is directed to provide complete information to the appellant on all the issues raised vide the RTI application prior to next hearing. The PIO will also file an affidavit in the next hearing duly attested by the Notary Public stating that all information available in official records in respect of AC No. 622 of

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2020 has been provided to the appellant. The information provided is authentic and correct. Nothing has been concealed therein.

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AC.No. 622 of 2020

6. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **20.04.2020** at **11.30 AM.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Manjinder Singh, # 2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector:125, Kharar, Distt:Mohali.

...Appellant

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**Public Information Officer,** O/o Secretary,

Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

# AC.No. 652 of 2020

**Present:** (i) Sh. Manjinder Singh, the appellant.

(ii) None is present on behalf of the PIO.

### **ORDER**

- The RTI application is dated 12.10.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 02.12.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.02.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 17.03.2020 by the Commission.
- The appellant states that till date no information has been provided to him by the PIO.
- 4. The PIO is absent inspite of the Notice of the Commission, which shows his disregard to the authority of the Commission. The absence of the PIO is viewed adversely. The PIO is directed to provide complete information to the appellant on all the issues raised vide the RTI application prior to next hearing. The PIO will also file an affidavit in the next hearing duly attested by the Notary Public stating that all information available in official records in respect of AC No. 652 of 2020 has been provided to the appellant. The information provided is authentic and correct. Nothing has been concealed therein.
- 5. The Bench directs the PIO to come present in person on the next hearing, failing which action under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be initiated.
- 6. The matter to come up for further hearing now on **20.04.2020 at 11.30AM**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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...Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot. First Appellate Authority-cum-O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

# AC.No. 653 of 2020

**Present:** (i) Sh. Manjinder Singh, the appellant.

(ii) None is present on behalf of the PIO.

#### **ORDER**

- The RTI application is dated 22.10.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.12.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.02.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 17.03.2020 by the Commission.
- The appellant states that till date no information has been provided to him by the PIO.
- The PIO is absent inspite of the Notice of the Commission, which shows his disregard to the authority of the Commission. The absence of the PIO is viewed adversely. The PIO is directed to provide complete information to the appellant on all the issues raised vide the RTI application prior to next hearing. The PIO will also file an affidavit in the next hearing duly attested by the Notary Public stating that all information available in official records in respect of AC No. 653 of 2020 has been provided to the appellant. The information provided is authentic and correct. Nothing has been concealed therein.
- 5. The Bench directs the PIO to come present in person on the next hearing, failing which action under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be initiated.
- 6. The matter to come up for further hearing now on **20.04.2020 at 11.30AM**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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...Appellant

Vs

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

**First Appellate Authority-cum**-O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

#### AC.No. 655 of 2020

**Present:** (i) Sh. Manjinder Singh, the appellant.

(ii) None is present on behalf of the PIO.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

- The RTI application is dated 22.10.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.12.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.02.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 17.03.2020 by the Commission.
- The appellant states that till date no information has been provided to him by the PIO.
- 4. The PIO is absent for today's hearing. Intimation has been received from the PIO that reply to the RTI application of the appellant has been sent to him vide letter dated 06.01.2020. The PIO in his reply clarified that information cannot be provided in the format asked for as official records do not exist as such.
- 5. After perusing case file, it is ascertained that the PIO is unnecessarily delaying provision of information. The PIO is absent inspite of the Notice of the Commission. The absence of the PIO is viewed adversely. With these observations, the plea taken by the PIO to deny information is overruled. The Bench directed the PIO to provide the complete and correct information to the appellant, free of cost, before the next date of hearing and appear in person, on the next hearing, failing which action under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be initiated.
- 6. The matter to come up for further hearing now on **20.04.2020 at 11.30AM.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Manjinder Singh, # 2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector:125, Kharar, Distt:Mohali.

...Appellant

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

**First Appellate Authority-cum**-O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

### AC.No. 654 of 2020

**Present:** (i) Sh. Manjinder Singh, the appellant.

(ii) Sh. Gaurav Goyal, Data Entry Operator is present on behalf of the PIO.

### **ORDER**

- The RTI application is dated 22.10.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.12.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.02.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 17.03.2020 by the Commission.
- The appellant states that till date no information has been provided to him by the PIO.
- 4. Sh. Gaurav Goyal, Data Entry Operator comes present on behalf of the PIO without any authority letter and states that reply to the RTI application of the appellant has already been sent to him vide letter dated 06.11.2019.
- 5. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant is shown the letter, however he express dissatisfaction over the reply.
- 6. The Bench heard the appellant as also the respondent at length. The Bench took serious note of the manner in which RTI application in the instant case has been handled by the PIO. The PIO is absent for today's hearing inspite of the Notice of the Commission, which shows his disregard to the authority of the Commission. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously.

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AC.No. 654 of 2020

7. In view of the foregoing, **Sh. Udhaydeep Singh Sidhu- Secretary-cum-PIO O/o Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda is** directed to show cause why action should not be taken against him for not providing the information to the appellant within the stipulated time as prescribed under the RTI Act, 2005. He should file a written reply in response to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in not getting the information. In addition to the written reply PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the 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.

- 8. The Secretary-cum-PIO O/o **Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda** is also directed to appear in person, on the next date of hearing.
- 9. The matter to come up for further hearing now on **20.04.2020 at 11.30AM**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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State Information Commissioner,

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CC: Sh. Udhaydeep Singh Sidhu- Secretary-cum-PIO O/o Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda.

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Sh. Jasbir Singh, Guru Nanak Colony, Village:Bholapur, Jhabewal, P.O:Ramgarh, Distt:Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Vs

**Public Information Officer,** O/o General Manager, Punjab Roadways, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-O/o Director, State Transport Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

#### AC.No. 650 of 2020

**Present:** (i) Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant.

(ii) Sh. Rajnish Bansal, Suptd-cum-APIO, on behalf of the PIO.

#### **ORDER**

- The RTI application is dated 11.11.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 17.12.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.02.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 17.03.2020 by the Commission.
- 3. Sh. Rajnish Bansal, Suptd.,-cum-APIO comes present and states that information has been provided to the appellant.
- 4. The appellant states that he has received the information and is satisfied.
- 5. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the instant Appeal Case. The same is hereby, **disposed off and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Jasbir Singh, Guru Nanak Colony, Village:Bholapur, Jhabewal, P.O:Ramgarh, Distt:Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Vs

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

**First Appellate Authority-cum**-O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh..

...Respondents

### AC.No. 651 of 2020

**Present:** (i) Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant.

(ii) Sh. Gurcharan Singh Sandhu, PIO, the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

- The RTI application is dated 24.07.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 26.08.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.02.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 17.03.2020 by the Commission.
- The appellant states that till date no information has been provided to him by the PIO.
- 4. Sh. Gurcharan Singh Sandhu, PIO comes present in person and files reply to the RTI application today in the Commission. Copy of the same is handed over to the appellant. He further adds that the RTI application of the appellant is generic and not specific.
- 5. After going through the reply, the appellant shows his dissatisfaction over the information provided.
- 6. The appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent on **27.03.2020 (Friday)** at **11.00AM** and peruse the original records as available in the office of the respondent. The respondent is directed to provide access to records in his office and give copies of documents needed by the appellant. Photocopies of the same be provided to him duly page numbered, stamped and authenticated by the PIO.

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AC.No. 651 of 2020

7. Sh. Karanbir Singh Chhina, Secretary-cum-First Appellate Authority O/o Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur is, hereby, given the responsibility to ensure that information is provided to the appellant on all the issues raised vide the RTI application prior to next hearing. The PIO will also file an affidavit in the next hearing duly attested by the Notary Public stating that all information available in official records in respect of AC No. 651 of 2020 has been provided to the appellant. The information provided is authentic and correct. Nothing has been concealed therein. Sh. Karanbir Singh Chhina, Secretary-cum- First Appellate Authority O/o Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur is directed to appear in person along with the PIO, on the next date of hearing.

8. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 20**.04.2020 at 11.30 AM.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Chandigarh 17.03.2020 (Regd. Post) (Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd))
State Information Commissioner

CC: Sh. Karanbir Singh Chhina, Secretary-cum-First Appellate Authority O/o Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur.

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Shri Raj Kumar H.No.72, Golden Avenue, Mugrala Road, Dinanagar, District Gurdaspur.

.....Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer** 

O/o Principal, Shanti Devi Arya Mahila College, Dinanagar, District Gurdaspur.

...Respondents

#### CC No.81/2020

Present: (

(i) Shri Raj Kumar, Appellant(ii) None is present on behalf of PIO.

**ORDER** 

1.

- This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.02.2020.
- The Complainant, Shri Raj Kumar comes present and states that as per the directions of the Commission, during the last hearing, he visited the office of the PIO but nothing has been provided to him by the PIO.
- 4. The PIO has neither come present for the hearing nor has sent any authorized representative in spite of directions of the Commission. The casual attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
- 5. The PIO-cum-Principal, Shanti Devi Arya Mahila College, Dinanagar is issued show cause notice under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 to explain as to why action should not be taken against him/her for not abiding by the directions of the Commission to allow inspection of official records by the complainant and also not attending the hearing in person in spite of orders of the Commission.
- 6. The PIO is directed to appear in person on the next hearing along with the written reply to the show cause notice.
- 7. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 08.04.2020 at 11.30 AM. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Chandigarh 17.03.2020

(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd)) State Information Commissioner

### Regd. Post

CC: PIO-cum-Principal, Shanti Devi Arya Mahila College, Dinanagar.

Note: After the hearing was over, Sh. Anirudh Gupta, Advocate appeared on behalf of the PIO. He stated that due to ill health, he could not attend the hearing in time. He was read out the above said order.

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Sh. Trilochan Singh, H.No.848-A, MIG, Jamalpur Colony, Distt: Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o Director,

State Transport Deptt., Punjab Govt., Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o Director, State Transport Deptt., Punjab Govt., Chandigarh.

...Respondents

### AC.No. 646 of 2020

**Present:** (i) Sh. Trilochan Singh, the appellant.

(ii) None is present on behalf of the PIO.

**ORDER** 

- 1. The RTI application is dated 29.10.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 04.12.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.02.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 17.03.2020 by the Commission.
- 3. The appellant states that till date, no information has been provided to him by the PIO.
- 4. The PIO has neither come present for the hearing nor has sent any authorized representative in spite of directions of the Commission. The casual attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
- 5. In view of the forgoing, the PIO O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab is issued show cause notice under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 to explain why action should not be taken against them for not providing complete and authentic information to the appellant within the stipulated time as prescribed under the RTI Act, 2005. He should file a written reply in response to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in not getting the information. In addition to the written reply PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not

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avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the 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.

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- 6. The PIO is directed to appear in person on the next hearing along with the written reply to the show cause notice.
- 7. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **20.04.2020 at 11.30 AM.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-Sd/-

**Chandigarh** 17.03.2020

(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd))
State Information Commissioner

Note: After the hearing was over, Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Suptd-cum-PIO appeared in person. He stated that complete information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 13.03.2020 by registered post. The appellant is, thus, advised to go through the information in his own time and point out issues/short comings related to information provided by the PIO, if any. The PIO is directed to file an affidavit in the next hearing duly attested by the Notary Public stating that all information available in official records in respect of AC No. 646 of 2020 has been provided to the appellant. The information provided is authentic and correct. Nothing has been concealed therein. The show cause notice is hereby, dropped. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 20.04.2020 at 11.30 AM. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Sd/-**Sd/-

Chandigarh 17.03.2020 (Regd. Post) (Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd))
State Information Commissioner

CC: Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Suptd-cum-PIO O/o Director, State Transport Department, Punjab.