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Sh. Bhupinder Punj, (9915235055)

s/o Sh. Braham Prakash,
186, VPO Lohara, Ludhiana,

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar

First Appellate Authority

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4027 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: None present.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 16.03.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereafter FAA) on 19.07.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.09.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing on 19.05.2022 through CISCO WEBEX i.e. today.
3. In today's hearing, appellant presented other cases fixed before the undersigned Bench (Appeal case numbers 4029 and 4030 of 2021) but he left the meeting without presenting the present case.
4. Neither the respondent PIO is present nor did he file any reply in this regard in spite of registered notice sent to him. The absence of the respondent PIO is viewed seriously as it affects the disposal of the case.
5. After examining the case file, it is observed that similar kind of information is demanded in the present case as demanded in other appeal cases 4029 and 4030 of 2021. As appellant requested in other appeal cases for directions to the PIO to provide the information whether any documents were scanned by the respondent department or not as per RTI application between 01.01.2013 to 31.12.2020. The directions stand same in the present case also.
6. Accordingly, respondent PIO is directed to supply the reply to the appellant through registered post within one week after receipt of this order as appellant request the Commission as per para 5 of this order with a copy to the Commission via post/email.
7. In wake of above, no further cause of action is required. Therefore, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**. Announced in the Court. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 19.05.2022

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot

First Appellate Authority
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4028 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Bhupinder Punj.
(ii) Respondent: Sh. Sanjiv Kumar (SA-cum-PIO) (9855188396)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 16.03.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereafter FAA) on 19.07.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.09.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing on 19.05.2022 through CISCO WEBEX i.e. today.
3. In today's hearing, both the parties are present. Respondent, Sh. Sanjiv Kumar states that reply vide letter no. 5434 dated 17.06.2021 has already been sent to the appellant.
4. On this, appellant expresses his dissatisfaction on the same. He requests the Commission for directions to the PIO to provide the information whether any documents were scanned by the respondent department or not as per RTI application between 01.01.2013 to 31.12.2020.
5. Accordingly, respondent PIO is directed to supply the reply to the appellant through registered post within ten days from today regarding scanning of documents as per para 4 of this order with a copy to the Commission via post/email.
6. In wake of above, no further cause of action is required. Therefore, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**. Announced in the Court. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Versus

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O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4029 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Bhupinder Punj.
(ii) Respondent: Sh. Gurmeet Singh (Clerk)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 16.03.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereafter FAA) on 19.07.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.09.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing on 19.05.2022 through CISCO WEBEX i.e. today.
3. In today's hearing, both the parties are present.
4. He requests the Commission for directions to the PIO to provide the information whether any documents were scanned by the respondent department or not as per RTI application between 01.01.2013 to 31.12.2020.
5. Accordingly, respondent PIO is directed to supply the reply to the appellant through registered post within ten days from today regarding scanning of documents as per para 4 of this order with a copy to the Commission via post/email.
6. In wake of above, no further cause of action is required. Therefore, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**. Announced in the Court. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Versus

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O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4030 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Bhupinder Punj.
(ii) Respondent: Sh. Sukhjinder Singh (PIO)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 16.03.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereafter FAA) on 19.07.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.09.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing on 19.05.2022 through CISCO WEBEX i.e. today.
3. In today's hearing, both the parties are present. Respondent, Sh. Sukhjinder Singh states that requisite information is voluminous in nature and requests the appellant to specify particularly required information.
4. He requests the Commission for directions to the PIO to provide the information whether any documents were scanned by the respondent department or not as per RTI application between 01.01.2013 to 31.12.2020.
5. Accordingly, respondent PIO is directed to supply the reply to the appellant through registered post within ten days from today regarding scanning of documents as per para 4 of this order with a copy to the Commission via post/email.
6. In wake of above, no further cause of action is required. Therefore, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**. Announced in the Court. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Versus

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O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Jalandhar

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4031 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: None present.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 16.03.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereafter FAA) on 19.07.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.09.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing on 19.05.2022 through CISCO WEBEX i.e. today.
3. In today's hearing, appellant presented other cases fixed before the undersigned Bench (Appeal case numbers 4029 and 4030 of 2021) but he left the meeting without presenting the present case.
4. Neither the respondent PIO is present nor did he file any reply in this regard in spite of registered notice sent to him. The absence of the respondent PIO is viewed seriously as it affects the disposal of the case.
5. After examining the case file, it is observed that similar kind of information is demanded in the present case as demanded in other appeal cases 4029 and 4030 of 2021. As appellant requested in other appeal cases for directions to the PIO to provide the information whether any documents were scanned by the respondent department or not as per RTI application between 01.01.2013 to 31.12.2020. The directions stand same in the present case also.
6. Accordingly, respondent PIO is directed to supply the reply to the appellant through registered post within one week after receipt of this order as appellant request the Commission as per para 5 of this order with a copy to the Commission via post/email.
7. In wake of above, no further cause of action is required. Therefore, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**. Announced in the Court. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

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186, VPO Lohara, Ludhiana,

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Gurdaspur

First Appellate Authority

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Gurdaspur

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4032 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Bhupinder Punj.
(ii) Respondent: Sh. Gurpreet Singh (9855741910)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 16.03.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereafter FAA) on 19.07.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.09.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing on 19.05.2022 through CISCO WEBEX i.e. today.
3. In today's hearing, both the parties are present. Respondent, Sh. Gurpreet Singh states that reply/information vide letter no. 2313 dated 18.08.2021 had already been sent to the appellant.
4. On this, appellant expresses his dissatisfaction on the supplied information. He requests the Commission for directions to the PIO to provide the information whether any documents were scanned by the respondent department or not as per RTI application between 01.01.2013 to 31.12.2020.
5. Accordingly, respondent PIO is directed to supply the reply to the appellant through registered post within ten days from today regarding scanning of documents as per para 4 of this order with a copy to the Commission via post/email.
6. In wake of above, no further cause of action is required. Therefore, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**. Announced in the Court. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

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186, VPO Lohara, Ludhiana,

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Hoshiarpur

First Appellate Authority

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Hoshiarpur

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4033 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Bhupinder Punj.
(ii) Respondent: Sh. Surinder Bhandari (9877661361)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 16.03.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereafter FAA) on 19.07.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.09.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing on 19.05.2022 through CISCO WEBEX i.e. today.
3. In today's hearing, both the parties are present. Respondent, Sh. Surinder Bhandari states that reply/information had already been sent to the appellant.
4. On this, appellant expresses his dissatisfaction on the supplied information. He requests the Commission for directions to the PIO to provide the information whether any documents were scanned by the respondent department or not as per RTI application between 01.01.2013 to 31.12.2020.
5. Accordingly, respondent PIO is directed to supply the reply to the appellant through registered post within ten days from today regarding scanning of documents as per para 4 of this order with a copy to the Commission via post/email.
6. In wake of above, no further cause of action is required. Therefore, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**. Announced in the Court. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

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s/o Sh. Braham Prakash,
186, VPO Lohara, Ludhiana,

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur

First Appellate Authority

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4034 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Bhupinder Punj.
(ii) Respondent: Sh. Ravinder Sharma (Clerk).

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 16.03.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereafter FAA) on 19.07.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.09.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing on 19.05.2022 through CISCO WEBEX i.e. today.
3. In today's hearing, both the parties are present. Respondent, Sh. Ravinder Sharma states that appellant is called for inspection on any working day in working hours through letter no. 1351 dated 12.05.2022.
4. On this, appellant expresses his dissatisfaction on the supplied reply. He requests the Commission for directions to the PIO to provide the information whether any documents were scanned by the respondent department or not as per RTI application between 01.01.2013 to 31.12.2020.
5. Accordingly, respondent PIO is directed to supply the reply to the appellant through registered post within ten days from today regarding scanning of documents as per para 4 of this order with a copy to the Commission via post/email.
6. In wake of above, no further cause of action is required. Therefore, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**. Announced in the Court. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

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s/o Sh. Braham Prakash,
186, VPO Lohara, Ludhiana,

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4035 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Bhupinder Punj.
(ii) Respondent: Sh. Sukhjinder Singh (PIO)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 16.03.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereafter FAA) on 19.07.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.09.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing on 19.05.2022 through CISCO WEBEX i.e. today.
3. In today's hearing, both the parties are present. Respondent, Sh. Sukhjinder Singh states that partial information is a third party, which cannot be supplied to the appellant. He further adds that point-wise reply had already been supplied to the appellant on 29.07.2021.
4. On this, appellant expresses his dissatisfaction on the supplied reply. He requests the Commission for suitable directions to the PIO to provide the information.
5. Accordingly, respondent PIO is directed only to supply the car numbers along with total number of vehicles within ten days from today. Sh. Sukhjinder Singh assured that he will supply the desired information. Subject to receipt of desired information by the appellant and intimation for the same to the undersigned Bench within ten days, failing which, it will be presumed that appellant has nothing to say in this regard.
6. On the assurance of the respondent, no further cause of action is required. Therefore, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**. Announced in the Court. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Sandeep Kumar s/o (9411553797)

Sh. Jagat Singh, Gujrara Maan Singh,
Sehstradhara Road,
Dehradun.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o District Transport Authority,
Bhatinda.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1253 of 2021
Heard through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Nobody on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Mukesh (PIO).

ORDER:

1. The above mentioned case was earlier heard on 10.11.2021 vide which respondent, Sh. Baljeet Singh states that information had already been supplied to the appellant on 08.11.2021. Appellant was advised to point out deficiency, if any, on receipt of the information within a weeks' time. Matter was adjourned for today i.e. 19.05.2022.
2. In today's hearing, respondent, Sh. Mukesh states that no deficiency has been pointed out by the appellant in the supplied reply dated 08.11.2021 till date.
3. Appellant is absent despite being aware about the date of hearing.
4. After examining the case file, it is observed that no communication is received regarding deficiency in the supplied reply/information on 08.11.2021 even after the ample time has elapsed, which means appellant is not serious about the present case. Therefore, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**. Announced in the Court. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 19.05.2022

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Sh. Sandeep Kumar s/o (9411553797)

Sh. Jagat Singh, Gujrara Maan Singh,
Sehstradhara Road,
Dehradun.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o District Transport Authority,
Sangrur

First Appellate Authority

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1254 of 2021
Heard through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Nobody on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Ravinder Sharma

ORDER:

1. The above mentioned case was earlier heard on 10.11.2021 vide which respondent PIO was absent and directions were given to him to supply the information within 15 days after receipt of previous order dated 10.11.2021. Matter was adjourned for today i.e. 19.05.2022.
2. In today's hearing, respondent, Sh. Ravinder Sharma states that reply was sent to the appellant on 02.11.2021 before the previous hearing held on 10.11.2021.
3. Appellant is absent despite being aware about the date of hearing.
4. After examining the case file, it is observed that no communication is received regarding deficiency in the supplied reply/information on 02.11.2021 even after the ample time has elapsed, which means appellant is not serious about the present case. Therefore, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**. Announced in the Court. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 19.05.2022

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Sh. Harbans Singh s/o(9592133456)

S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
R/o Chahila Patti,
Bhawanigarh 148026.

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur

Respondent

Complaint Case No.: 299 of 2021
Heard through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Complainant: Sh. Harbans Singh.
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Ravinder Sharma (Clerk)

ORDER:

1. The above mentioned case was earlier heard on 10.11.2021 vide which respondent PIO was absent and directions were given to him to supply the information within 15 days after receipt of previous order dated 10.11.2021. Matter was adjourned for today i.e. 19.05.2022.
2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present. Respondent, Sh. Ravinder Sharma assures that he will supply the information and requests the appellant to visit the respondent's office. On this complainant states that he had contacted the concerned department many times but no response.
3. After discussing with both the parties in detail and on the assurance of the respondent, inspection of the official record is fixed for Monday i.e. 23.05.2022 at 11:00 AM. Respondent PIO is directed to supply the point-wise reply/information to the complainant on his visit without wasting further time. Both the parties are also directed to intimate the Commission after inspection of the official record regarding the status of the present case.
4. It is also observed that on the first hearing of this case on 05.08.2021, Sh. Karanbir Singh Cheena requested for an adjournment which was granted and on next hearing held on 10.11.2021, respondent PIO was absent, already ample time has gone, so respondent PIO is directed to solve the matter on priority basis, so that objectives of the RTI Act, 2005 could be achieved, which came into existence to promote transparency and accountability.
5. With aforesaid directions, no further cause of action is required. Therefore, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**. Announced in the Court. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 19.05.2022

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Sh. Bittu (9872455496)

s/o Sh. Om Kumar,
Vill. Bolapur, Jhabewal,
PO Ramgarh,
Distt. Ludhiana 141123.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o State Transport Commissioner Pb.,
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o State Transport Commissioner Pb.,
Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 700 of 2022
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Jasbir Singh on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Gurbax Singh (APIO)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 18.03.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereafter FAA) on 26.11.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.02.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing on 19.05.2022 through CISCO WEBEX i.e. today.
3. In today's hearing, both the parties are present. Respondent, Sh. Gurbax Singh states that reply has already been sent to the appellant.
4. Representative of the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh denied of receiving any reply from the respondent PIO. He adds that earlier a complaint case no. 520 of 2021 was remanded back to the First Appellate Authority by the undersigned Bench on 21.10.2021 but for non-furnishing the information by the First Appellate Authority even after the directions of the Hon'ble Commission, appellant filed the present appeal case in the Commission in that regard.
5. After discussing with both the parties in detail and examining the case file, I am of the considered view in many cases which are pending before the undersigned Bench in which concerned respondent department i.e. State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh is the respondent no. 1 and 2 is not supplying reply/information on time even after the directions of the Commission time and again.

As representative of the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh brought into the notice of the Commission that the present appeal case is filed against the complaint case 520 of 2021 which was remanded by the undersigned Bench. A copy of order passed in complaint case 520 of 2021 dated 21.10.2021 by the undersigned Bench is also available in the case file.

It is also observed that respondent PIO did not bother to treat the remanded case on priority basis, which is sheer wastage of precious time and resources of the Commission, appellant as well as of the public authority itself. It also affects the disposal of the cases, which means respondent PIO is not serious about the notices and orders of the Commission.

Appeal Case No.: 700 of 2022
Through CISCO WEBEX

6. A final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to furnish the complete information to the appellant within seven days from today itself through registered post with a copy to the Commission via post/email. A copy of this order be sent to the respondent PIO, Ms. Kulwinder Kaur by name through registered post for the compliance of this order.
7. Appellant is on liberty to approach the Commission, if he does not receive the said information as per para 6 of this order.
8. With the aforesaid directions, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**. Announced in the Court. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 19.05.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

(Regd. Post) **Ms. Kulwinder Kaur (PIO)**
O/o State Transport Commissioner Pb.,
Chandigarh

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o DC, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o DC, Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3773 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Nobody on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) For the respondent: Ms. Savita Gupta (Superintendent)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 30.04.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereafter FAA) on 18.06.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 20.07.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing on 10.03.2022 through CISCO WEBEX which was not heard and fixed for today i.e. 19.05.2022.
3. In today's hearing, respondent, Ms. Savita is present and states that RTI dated 30.04.2021 was received in the office on 09.04.2021 and requisite information was sent to the appellant vide office letter no. 716 dated 21.06.2021 after filing the First Appeal. She adds that appellant appeared before the First Appellate Authority on 13.07.2021 and informed that he was not satisfied with the supplied information. After the directions of the FAA, requisite information was again sent to him vide office letter no. 807 dated 14.07.2021 and after that he never appeared before the FAA on 29.07.2021, 20.08.2021, 24.08.2021 and 31.08.2021, so FAA disposed of the first appeal. A reply vide letter no. 284 dated 16.03.2022 in this regard along with supporting documents have already been sent to the Commission, which is received vide diary no. 5745 dated 21.03.2022, which is considered and taken on record.
4. Appellant is absent despite being aware about the date of hearing even after two notices, no communication is received from him till date. It is also observed that he did not bother to represent this case, which is sheer wastage of precious time and resources of the Commission and of the public authority, which means appellant is not serious about this case and has nothing to say in this regard.
5. I am of the considered view that respondent PIO supplied sufficient information, also no deficiency has been pointed out by the appellant till date; therefore, no further cause of action is required in this case. The instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**. Announced in the Court. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 19.05.2022

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb,
Chandigarh

Remanded Back:

First Appellate Authority (By Name)
(Regd. Post) O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb,
Chandigarh

Encl. RTI application

Respondent

Complaint Case No.: 905 of 2021
Heard through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Complainant: Sh. Jasbir Singh
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Gurbax Singh (APIO).

ORDER:

1. The above mentioned case was earlier fixed for 10.03.2022 which was not heard and fixed for today i.e. 19.05.2022.
2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present. Complainant requests the Commission to remand back this present case to the First Appellate Authority.
3. Request of the complainant is granted; as per the decision of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India rendered on 12.12.2011 in Civil Appeal Nos. Nos.10787 – 10788 of 2011 (arising out of SLP © No.32768-32769/2010)- Chief Information Commissioner and another Vs. State of Manipur and another, in Para 31 whereof, it has been held that while entertaining a complaint case under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, the Commissioners have no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for an access to the information which is as under:-

(31. We uphold the said contention and do not find any error in the impugned judgment of the High Court whereby it has been held that the Commissioner while entertaining a complaint under Section 18 of the said Act has no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for access to the information).

As such, since the complainant has approached the Commission under the provision of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, no directions for providing further information can be given by the Commission.

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Since there is an alternative and efficacious remedy of first appeal available to the Complainant under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, which has not been availed in the instant case and the First Appellate Authority has not had the occasion to review the decision of the PIO, as envisaged under the RTI Act by passing a detailed well reasoned speaking order. In case the complainant has any grouse, he is advised to challenge the response of the PIO before the designated First Appellate Authority, as envisaged under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, who will decide the matter in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act within the prescribed time limit, after giving an opportunity of hearing to all concerned, by passing a speaking order.

If, however, the complainant does not feel satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority, he will be at liberty to file a Second Appeal before the Commission under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

4. In view of the observations noted above, the instant case is **disposed of**. Copies of this decision be sent to the parties through **registered post**.

Dated: 19.05.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
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