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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Smt. Suman Devi, W/o Sh. Mahavir Singh, R/o Village Wariyam Khera, Tehsil Abohar, District Fazilka.

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Gram Panchayat, Wariyam Khera, Block Abohar, District Fazilka. First Appellate Authority O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer, Fazilka.

Appeal Case No. 5026 of 2023

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent.
None for the Respondent.

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **01.03.2024**)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **06.04.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding "Gram Panchayat, Village Wariyam Khera from **01.01.2019** to **06.04.2023** etc.," as enumerated in her RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **15.05.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **02.08.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **01.03.2024**.
- 2. Both parties are absent. The respondent is absent without intimation for the 3rd successive Hearing. This RTI application was submitted on 06.04.2023 and there is nothing on record to show that the respondent PIO has made any attempt to address the same. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue a **Show Cause Notice to the respondent PIO**.
- 3. The respondent PIO-cum-Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Abohar, is herewith ordered to SHOW CAUSE as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **06.04.2023**. If there are other PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.

"In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such 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." Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

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Appeal Case No. 5026 of 2023

- 4. The respondent **PIO-cum-Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Abohar,** is also directed to attend the next Hearing of this Appeal Case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh. Failure to comply, will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.
- 5. Since I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 9.7.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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Sh. Manjinder Singh,

2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector: 125,

Kharar, District Mohali.

Versus

Sh. Arshdeep Singh Lobhana,

Public Information Officer-cum-Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar,

Sh. Rishi Sharma,

Public Information Officer-cum-Motor Vehicle Inspector, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority

Amritsar.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority Amritsar.

Appeal Case No. 5754 of 2023

PRESENT:

Manjinder Singh (Appellant) 98720-15069 Jatinder Singh, Junior Assistant (for the Respondent) 98148-14414

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 2.2.2024 and 07.05.2024)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **13.05.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding fitment of speed governors in passenger buses of the privet companies etc., as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **18.06.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **31.08.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **07.05.2024**.
- 2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO-cum-MVI O/o RTO Amritsar has submitted, a reply to the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's Order Dated 07.05.2024, wherein he states that the record of inspection and passing of vehicles is not maintained vehicle-category wise and that the requested record would have to be prepared.
- 3. In view of the above, the PIO-cum-MVI O/o RTO, Amritsar is directed to arrange inspection of the record by the appellant at 11.00AM on 12.06.2024. Duly attested copies of the record listed by the appellant after said inspection, be provided to him, free of cost, on the same date. Both the appellant and the respondent PIO, to intimate the Commission after inspection.

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Appeal Case No. 5754 of 2023

4. The case is adjourned. Since I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 9.7.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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Sh. Arun Bansal, S/o Sh. Raj Kumar Bansal, # 27, Bharat Nagar, Bathinda.

Versus

Public Information Officer.

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda.

Appeal Case No. 5829 of 2023

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent. (Respondent) Absent.

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 13.2.2024)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **18.07.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding <u>complaint/grievance number 20230229556 loged on Governments online Portal etc.</u> as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **20.07.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **05.09.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **13.02.2024**.
- 2. Both parties are absent without intimation for the 2nd successive Hearing. The case is adjourned.
- 3. Since I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 9.7.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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Sh. Pawan Kumar, S/o Sh. Muni Lal, # 136/33, Santokhpura, Jalandhar.

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar. First Appellate Authority O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

Appeal Case No. 5819 of 2023

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent. (Respondent) Absent.

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 13.2.2024)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **18.03.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding "Kamal Vihar Basti pir daad road, Jalandhar etc." as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.07.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **05.09.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **13.02.2024**.
- 2. Both parties are absent. The respondent is absent without intimation for the 2nd successive Hearing. This RTI application was submitted on 18.03.2023 and there is nothing on record to show that the respondent PIO has made any attempt to address the same. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue a **Show Cause Notice to the respondent PIO**.
- 3. The respondent PIO-cum-Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar, is herewith ordered to SHOW CAUSE as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on 18.03.2023. If there are other PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.

"In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such 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." Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

4. The respondent **PIO-cum-Commissioner**, **Municipal Corporation**, **Jalandhar**, is also directed to attend the next Hearing of this Appeal Case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh. Failure to comply, will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

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Appeal Case No. 5819 of 2023

5. Since I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 9.7.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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Sh. Kulwant Singh, S/o Sh. Tara Singh, R/o House No.28, Sukhdev Avenue, New Rajguru Nagar, Thareeke Road, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-,
Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana-1
First Appellate Authority,
District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3315 of 2023

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent. (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 1.12.2023, 21.03.2024 and 30.04.2024)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **23.04.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding: "Copy of bills of Water Supply and Sanitation Committee, New Rajguru Nagar pertaining to year 01.10.2021 to 20.04.2022 etc.," as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **03.06.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **16.05.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **30.04.2024**.
- 2. Both parties are absent. As directed at the last Hearing on 30.04.2024, the PIO-cum-BDPO has transferred this RTI application to Sh. Navtej Singh, Administrator, Smt. Harpreet Kaur, Former Sarpanch, Smt. Lakhwinder Kaur, Panchayat Secretary and Sh. Kiranpal Singh, Panchayat Secretary, under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 vide Letter No. 6506 Dated 16.05.2024.
- 3. In view of the above, the aforesaid persons are hereby directed to submit their written replies to the RTI application along with information, as sought, on or before the next Hearing to the appellant, with a copy to this Commission.
- 4. The case is adjourned. Since I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 9.7.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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Sh. Bittu,

S/o Sh. Om Kumar, Village Bholapur, Jhabewal, Post Office Ramgarh, Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana.

Versus

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

Appeal Case No. 5797 of 2023

PRESENT:

Sh. Jasbir Singh on behalf of the Appellant. (Respondent) Absent.

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 13.02.2024)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **03.06.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding the employees of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority Sangrur, etc. as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **03.07.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **04.09.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **13.02.2024**.
- 2. The appellant, represented by, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who is present in person. The respondent PIO is absent but has informed the Commission about his inability to attend this Hearing because of the ongoing General Elections. In an earlier reply to the appellant vide Letter No. 755 Dated 27.03.2024, the PIO had contended that the RTI application is not specific.
- 3. The Commission has examined the RTI application and hereby rejects the PIO's contention and directs him to provide a pointwise reply to this RTI application along with the information, sought. The Commission further notes that the PIO has failed to make any written submission in response to the Show Cause Notice issued to him at the last Hearing on 13.02.2024. Accordingly, the PIO is given one final opportunity to submit a reply to the Show Cause Notice issued to him, explaining the delay in addressing this RTI application. This must be done on or before the next Hearing.
- 4. The case is adjourned. Since I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 9.7.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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S/o Sh. Om Kumar, Village Bholapur, Jhabewal, Post Office Ramgarh, Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Regional Transport Officer, Mohali. First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority Mohali.

Appeal Case No. 5798 of 2023

PRESENT:

Sh. Jasbir Singh on behalf of the appellant. (Respondent) Absent.

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 13.02.2024)

- 1. The RTI application is dated 19.05.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding the fitness certificates issued to Volvo buses, AC buses etc.. as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 03.07.2023 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.09.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on 13.02.2024.
- 2. The appellant, represented by, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who is present in person. The respondent PIO is absent despite the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's Order Dated 13.02.2024. The Commission further notes that the PIO has failed to make any written submission in response to the Show Cause Notice issued to him at the last Hearing on 13.02.2024.
- 3. In view of the ongoing General Elections, the PIO is given one final opportunity to submit a reply to the Show Cause Notice issued to him, explaining the delay in addressing this RTI application. This must be done on or before the next Hearing.
- 4. The case is adjourned. Since I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 9.7.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Regional Transport Officer,
Ludhiana.
First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 5799 of 2023

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent.

Sh. Abhishek Bansal, PIO-cum-Assistant Transport Officer (For the Respondent).

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 13.02.2024)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **03.06.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding the employees of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority Ludhiana, etc. as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **03.07.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **04.09.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **13.02.2024**.
- 2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO-cum-ATO, Ludhiana Sh. Abhishek Bansal, is present in person and has submitted a reply to the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's Order Dated 13.02.2024. Post deliberations at this Hearing, the respondent PIO is given one final opportunity to submit a written, point wise reply to the RTI application on or before the next Hearing.
- 3. Since I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 9.7.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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Note: After the Hearing was over, the appellant's representative Sh. Jasbir Singh appeared. He was briefed about the aforesaid proceedings.

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Versus

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O/o Regional Transport Officer,
Jalandhar.
First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority
Jalandhar.

Appeal Case No. 5801 of 2023

PRESENT:

Sh. Jasbir Singh on behalf of the appellant. (Respondent) Absent.

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 13.02.2024)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **03.06.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding the employees of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority Jalandhar, etc. as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **03.07.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **04.09.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **13.02.2024**.
- 2. The appellant, represented by, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who is present in person. The respondent PIO is absent despite the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's Order Dated 13.02.2024. The Commission further notes that the PIO has failed to make any written submission in response to the Show Cause Notice issued to him at the last Hearing on 13.02.2024.
- 3. In view of the ongoing General Elections, the PIO is given one final opportunity to submit a reply to the Show Cause Notice issued to him, explaining the delay in addressing this RTI application. This must be done on or before the next Hearing.
- 4. The case is adjourned. Since I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 9.7.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Regional Transport Officer,
Jalandhar.
First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority

Appeal Case No. 5805 of 2023

PRESENT:

Jalandhar.

Sh. Jasbir Singh on behalf of the appellant. (Respondent) Absent.

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 13.02.2024)

- 1. The RTI application is dated 19.05.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding the fitness certificates issued to Volvo buses, AC buses, Volvo registration number, copy of fitness certificates, date of passing the vehicle and other details, duration period is 01.01.2023 to 30.04.2023 as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 03.07.2023 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.09.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on 13.02.2024.
- 2. The appellant, represented by, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who is present in person. The respondent PIO is absent despite the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's Order Dated 13.02.2024. The Commission further notes that the PIO has failed to make any written submission in response to the Show Cause Notice issued to him at the last Hearing on 13.02.2024.
- 3. In view of the ongoing General Elections, the PIO is given one final opportunity to submit a reply to the Show Cause Notice issued to him, explaining the delay in addressing this RTI application. This must be done on or before the next Hearing.
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Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Regional Transport Officer,
Amritsar.
First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority
Amritsar.

Appeal Case No. 5802 of 2023

PRESENT:

Sh. Jasbir Singh on behalf of the respondent. (Respondent) Absent.

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 13.02.2024)

- 1. The RTI application is dated 19.05.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding the fitness certificates issued to Volvo buses, AC buses, Volvo registration number, copy of fitness certificates, date of passing the vehicle and other details, duration period is 01.01.2023 to 30.04.2023 as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 03.07.2023 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.09.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on 13.02.2024.
- 2. The appellant, represented by, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who is present in person. The respondent PIO is absent despite the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's Order Dated 13.02.2024. The Commission further notes that the PIO has failed to make any written submission in response to the Show Cause Notice issued to him at the last Hearing on 13.02.2024.
- 3. In view of the ongoing General Elections, the PIO is given one final opportunity to submit a reply to the Show Cause Notice issued to him, explaining the delay in addressing this RTI application. This must be done on or before the next Hearing.
- 4. The case is adjourned. Since I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 9.7.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Regional Transport Officer,
Amritsar.
First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority
Amritsar.

Appeal Case No. 5806 of 2023

PRESENT:

Sh. Jasbir Singh on behalf of the respondent. (Respondent) Absent.

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 13.02.2024)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **03.06.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding the employees of the O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority Amritsar, etc. as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **03.07.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **04.09.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **13.02.2024**.
- 2. The appellant, represented by, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who is present in person. The respondent PIO is absent despite the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's Order Dated 13.02.2024. The Commission further notes that the PIO has failed to make any written submission in response to the Show Cause Notice issued to him at the last Hearing on 13.02.2024.
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Sh. Bittu,

S/o Sh. Om Kumar, Village Bholapur, Jhabewal, Post Office Ramgarh, Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Regional Transport Officer,
Patiala.
First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority
Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 5803 of 2023

PRESENT:

Sh. Jasbir Singh on behalf of the respondent. (Respondent) Absent.

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 13.02.2024)

- 1. The RTI application is dated 19.05.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding the fitness certificates issued to Volvo buses, AC buses etc., as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 03.07.2023 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.09.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on 13.02.2024.
- 2. The appellant, represented by, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who is present in person. The respondent PIO is absent despite the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's Order Dated 13.02.2024. The Commission further notes that the PIO has failed to make any written submission in response to the Show Cause Notice issued to him at the last Hearing on 13.02.2024.
- 3. In view of the ongoing General Elections, the PIO is given one final opportunity to submit a reply to the Show Cause Notice issued to him, explaining the delay in addressing this RTI application. This must be done on or before the next Hearing.
- 4. The case is adjourned. Since I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 9.7.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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Sh. Sukhjeet Singh,

S/o Sh. Jagmohan Singh, No.16, Ward No.39,HR Enclave, Sheesh Mahal Colony, Tehsil & District Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority

Inspector General of Police, Patiala Range, Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 4424 of 2023

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 22.11.2023 and 21.02.2024)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **25.5.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding application No. 89647 Dated 21.12.2022 to SSP Patiala, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **7.7.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **10.7.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **21.02.2024**.
- 2. Both parties are absent. The case is adjourned.
- 3. Since I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 9.7.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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Sh. Kamalpreet Singh,

E-33, Road no.25, PDA Omaxe City, Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director,
Technical Education and Industrial Training Department,
Punjab, Chandigarh.
First Appellate Authority
O/o Director,
Technical Education and Industrial Training Department,

Appeal Case No. 5814 of 2023

PRESENT:

Punjab, Chandigarh.

Sh. Kamalpreet Singh (Appellant).

Sh. Manga Singh PIO-cum-Assistant Director (for the Respondent).

Sh. Vikramjit Singh, Clerk (For the Respondent).

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 13.02.2024)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **29.05.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding the list of institutions authorized to register contracts under Apprenticeship Scheme before the year **2015** etc. as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **06.07.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **04.09.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **13.02.2024**.
- 2. Both parties are present. As directed at the last Hearing on 13.02.2024, the respondent PIO has provided, copy of a pointwise reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 51 Dated 26.02.2024. The appellant, Sh. Kamalpreet Singh, however contends that the reply is not adequate.
- 3. The Commission has examined the aforesaid reply point-by-point and directs the respondent PIO as follows:
 - 1. To provide the information sought at point No. 2 of the RTI application after seeking clarification from the appellant Sh. Kamalpreet Singh.
 - 2. To provide the information pertaining to point No. 3 of the RTI application, after retrieving it from the districts 3. To state clearly whether the information sought at point Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 9 is available in the O/o Director, Technical or not. If the said record is available, duly certified copies of the same be provided to the appellant on or before the next Hearing.
- 4. The aforesaid reply to point Nos. 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9 is to be submitted to the Commission by way of a Notarized affidavit on E-stamp paper, along with certified copies of the information before the next Hearing.

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- 5. The Commission also deems it appropriate to implead the Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training Department, Punjab Sh. Amit Talwar, IAS, in this appeal case and directs him to ensure that this RTI application is addressed, before the next Hearing.
- 6. <u>Next Hearing on 31.05.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red</u> Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.
Chandigarh
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Cc: Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training Department, Punjab.(For compliance).

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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Sh. Amanjot Singh,S/o Sh. Raghbir Singh,
R/o H.No. 5/B, Bhan Colony, Nabha Road,
Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Regional Transport Office, Patiala. First Appellate Authority O/o Regional Transport Authority, Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 5826 of 2023

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent. (Respondent) Absent.

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 13.02.2024)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **18.03.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding <u>car number PAP 51 etc.</u> as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **05.09.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **13.02.2024**.
- 2. Both parties are absent. While the appellant informed the Commission about his inability to attend this hearing vide an email Dated 20.05.2024. The respondent is absent for the 2nd successive Hearing. This RTI application was submitted on 18.03.2023 and there is nothing on record to show that the respondent PIO has made any attempt to address the same. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue a **Show Cause Notice to the respondent PIO**.
- 3. The respondent **PIO O/o Regional Transport Office, Patiala,** is herewith ordered to SHOW CAUSE as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **18.03.2023**. If there are other PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.

"In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such 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." Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post. Contd. ..2

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- 4. The respondent **PIO O/o Regional Transport Office, Patiala,** is also directed to attend the next Hearing of this Appeal Case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh. Failure to comply, will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.
- 5. Since I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 9.7.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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