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Shri Manjit Singh,
H.No. 2877, Phase-7,
S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali.

..... Complainant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Station House Officer,
Police Station Mattaur,
S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali-160062

.....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 62 of 2019

Present:- Shri Manjit Singh, complainant/applicant is present.
Inspector Rajiv Kumar, No.1663/Majitha, PIO-cum-SHO, Police Station, Mattaur,
Distt, Mohali is present.
Inspector Jagdev Singh-83/RR, Former PIO-cum-SHO, Police Station, Mattaur,
Distt. Mohali is present.

O R D E R

A Show Cause Notice was issued to Inspector Rajiv Kumar, No.1663/Majitha, PIO-cum-SHO, Police Station Mattaur that why you are not coming present before the Commission at the time of hearing and why you have not filed reply to the complaint filed by the complainant/applicant and so why you may not be penalized under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Inspector Rajiv Kumar, No.1663/Majitha, PIO-cum-SHO, Police Station, Mattaur has come present today and he filed reply to the Show Cause Notice as well as to the complaint filed by the complainant-applicant and he submitted in the reply as under:-

1. " It is humbly submitted that I joined as SHO in Police Station, Mattaur, District Mohali on 25.07.2019 whereas RTI application in this case is dated 05.05.2018. Further it is submitted that this case was not brought to my notice by the concerned staff at the appropriate time. Absence of the undersigned from the hearing in the Commission is neither intentional nor deliberate. It is further submitted that staff of the Police Station, Mattaur has to handle all the rallies and dharnas held at the YPS Chowk Mohali which falls in the jurisdiction of this Police Station and the entire staff of this police station including myself often remains over busy to tackle the activities of different Unions/Organizations of Punjab.

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2. So far as the issue of information involved in this case is concerned, it relates to the year, 2008 whereas this Police Station started functioning in the year, 2010. The record sought by the applicant is not available in this Police Station and the same is available in Police Station Phase 1, Mohali. The applicant can procure the same from the said Police Station.
3. It is also submitted that I have full regard of the orders of Hon'ble Commission and even cannot think of ignoring the directions of the Commission. It is humbly requested that my reply may kindly be considered sympathetically and Show Cause Notice issued to me may kindly dropped. Position regarding the information sought by the applicant has been explained above and it is reiterated that the same is not available in the Police Station Mattaur, Mohali. It is also requested that in view of the aforesaid position, the case may kindly be closed. “

I have gone through the reply and also heard Inspector Rajiv Kumar, No.1663/Majitha, PIO-cum-SHO, Police Station, Mattaur on the Show Cause Notice and it is brought to the notice of the Commission by the PIO that the information sought by the complainant-applicant pertains to the year 2008 whereas at that time there is no police station at Mattaur existed. The Police Station Mattaur came into existence in the year 2010. So, the information sought by the complainant-applicant for the year 2008 is not related with the Police Station Mattaur and the said information is not the part of records of the Police Station Mattaur because it came into existence in the year 2010.

So, the Show Cause Notice issued to Inspector Rajiv Kumar, No.1663/Majitha, PIO-cum-SHO, Police Station, Mattaur is hereby dropped and filed.

Inspector Jagdev Singh-83/RR, who remained posted as PIO-cum-SHO, Police Station, Mattaur, Distt. Mohali for the period 17.02.2019 to 24.07.2019 and the Show Cause Notice was issued to him on 24.04.2019. When he had not come present before the Commission and had not filed reply to the Show Cause Notice, then the Show Cause Notice was decided and a penalty of Rs.25,000/- was imposed upon him vide Order dated 22.10.2019.

Today at the time of hearing Inspector Jagdev Singh-83/RR has come present and submitted a representation dated 18.12.2019 duly signed by him along with his counsel Shri Harbans Sharma, which is taken in the file of the Commission and he requested to review the Order of imposition of penalty.

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I have gone through the representation submitted by Inspector Jagdev Singh-83/RR and also heard him upon the Show Cause Notice and the information sought by the complainant/applicant. The complainant/applicant filed RTI application dated 05.05.2018 and he sought the following information :-

1. " Please provide the copy of information, Duty Roster from 00:01 Hrs to 23:59 Hrs of date 21-11-2008, with complete details.
2. Please provide the copy of information, Duty Roster from 00:01 Hrs to 23:59 Hrs of date 22-11-2008, with complete details.
3. Please provide the copy of information, Duty Roster from 00:01 Hrs to 23:59 Hrs of date 23-11-2008, with complete details. "

Inspector Jagdev Singh-83/RR submitted in the representation that he has joined as SHO at Police Station, Mattaur on 17.02.2019 and remained posted till 24.07.2019 and the RTI application was filed on 05.05.2018 when he was not the SHO, Police Station, Mattaur. He further submitted that he has joined as SHO, Police Station, Mattaur after a period of 9 months from the filing of the RTI application. He further submitted that the matter has not been brought to his notice by the junior staff and in case it comes to his knowledge then he must have come present before the Commission and filed the reply to the complaint filed by the complainant/applicant.

He further submitted that he remained on ex-India leave from 12.08.2019 to 20.09.2019 and when he came back and joined his duty then he came to know that a penalty of Rs.25,000/- was imposed upon him by the Commission on 22.10.2019. He brought this fact to the notice of the Commission that the RTI application dated 05.05.2018 and the information sought by the complainant/applicant was regarding the duty roster for the dates 21.11.2008, 22.11.2008 and 23.11.2008.

It is further brought to the notice of the Commission by Inspector Jagdev Singh-83/RR that Police Station, Mattaur, Distt. Mohali came into existence in the year 2010 and the information which is being sought by the complainant/applicant pertains to the year 2008 and at that time the Police Station, Mattaur was not in existence and when the original information does not exist with the Police Station, Mattaur, then the RTI application dated 05.05.2018 filed by the complainant/applicant does not lie.

After going through the representation dated 18.1.2019 filed by Inspector Jagdev Singh-83/RR and after hearing him I am of the view that the RTI application was filed on

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05.05.2018 and the information sought is for the dates 21.11.2008, 22.11.2008 and 23.11.2008 and that time Police Station, Mattaur was not in existence rather it came into existence in the year 2010. It is further submitted that when the RTI application was filed on 05.05.2018 Inspector Jagdev Singh-83/RR was not the PIO-cum-SHO at Police Station, Mattaur rather he joined as SHO on 17.2.2019 at Police Station, Mattaur on 17.02.2019 after a period of 9 months from the filing of the RTI application dated 05.05.2018.

So, after going through the contents mentioned in the representation and after hearing Inspector Jagdev Singh-83/RR I am of the view that the penalty imposed upon him has to be reviewed when the original facts came to light as mentioned above, So, I review the Order dated 22.10.2019 through which the penalty of Rs.25,000/- was imposed upon Inspector Jagdev Singh-83/RR and recall the order of imposition of penalty. So, I review my Order and the Show Cause Notice issued to Inspector Jagdev Singh-83/RR, Former PIO-cum-SHO, Police Station, Mattaur, Distt. Mohali on 24.04.2019 is hereby dropped and filed and the Order of imposition of penalty is waived off.

Inspector Rajiv Kumar, No.1663/Majitha, PIO-cum-SHO, Police Station, Mattaur, Distt, Mohali and Inspector Jagdev Singh-83/RR, Former PIO-cum-SHO, Police Station, Mattaur, Distt. Mohali are advised that they should remain vigilant in future towards their duties and perform their duties as per the law.

The present complaint case is **disposed of and closed** with a direction to the complainant-applicant and in case he needs the information which he sought through his RTI application dated 05.05.2018 then he is at liberty to file fresh RTI application before the PIO, Police Station Phase-1, Mohali.

Dated: 18.12.2019

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab

(Regd.) Copy to: Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana.

– For compliance of the Order of the Commission.

(Regd.) Copy to: SSP Mohali ,

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Shri Jang Bahadur, S/o Shri Jai Chand, (M: 98768-18803),
R/o Mandi Aminganj, Roranwali,
Tehsil & Distt. Fazilka.



..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Punjab Mandi Board,
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Engineer,
Punjab Mandi Board,
Sector-65, Mohali.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2923 of 2019

Present:- Shri Jang Bahadur, appellant is absent.
Shri Raj Kumar Supervisor is present on behalf of Shri Kuldeep
Singh, PIO-cum-XEN, Punjab Mandi Board, Fazilka.

O R D E R

I have gone through the Order dated 27.11.2019 and on that the appellant, Shri Jang Bahadur was absent, whereas Shri Sukhinder Singh, APIO was present and he brought to the notice of the Commission that the appellant visited the office of the PIO for inspection on 14.11.2019 and claimed information (5 pages) were provided to the appellant. But the appellant sent a mail that he is not satisfied, so the case was adjourned with a direction to the appellant that he should personally come present on the next date of hearing. In case he would not come present then the case will be heard and decided in his absence as per the Order dated 06.11.2019 passed by the Bench.

Shri Raj Kumar, who appeared on behalf of the PIO submitted a duly signed affidavit dated 17.12.2019 attested by Notary Public, which is taken in the file of the Commission. I have gone through the contents of the affidavit and it is submitted that the information has been provided to the appellant and except that no other information is available in the records of the PIO.

The Reader of the Court is directed that the photo copy of the affidavit be taken in the file of the Commission and the original affidavit along with the Order be sent to the appellant through registered post. With this observation the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed.**

Dated: 18.12.2019

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Shri Harjinder Singh Sarkaria, (M: 70093-29092),
S/o Shri Namberdar Mohinder Singh Sarkaria,
H.No.270, Abadi Gali Sarkaria Wali,
B/s Gurudwara Patti Sarkar, Kot Khalsa,
P.O. Khalsa College, Amritsar.

..... Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Amritsar.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 823 of 2019

Present:- Shri Harjinder Singh Sarkaria, complainant/applicant is present.
Smt. Neelam, Jr. Assistant is present on behalf of Shri Mukesh Kumar Sharma,
PIO-cum-DRO, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

O R D E R

Shri Harjinder Singh Sarkaria, complainant/applicant filed RTI application dated 02.08.2019 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar regarding Virsa Vihar Society, Amritsar.

Smt. Neelam, Jr. Asstt. is present on behalf of the PIO and she submitted the reply dated 17.12.2019 to the complaint duly signed by Shri Mukesh Kumar Sharma, PIO-cum-DRO along with a copy of letter no. 387/655 dated 02.08.2019, letter no. 818 dated 14.10.2019, letter no. 928 dated 13.11.2019 and letter no. 1019-20 dated 16.12.2019. All these letters were sent by the office of the PIO to the Virsa Vihar Society, Amritsar.

I have gone through the reply dated 17.12.2019 sent by the PIO and it is submitted by the PIO that the Virsa Vihar Society Amritsar is not a Govt. body rather it is a private body and it does not come within the purview of RTI Act, 2005 and it is not a public authority as defined U/s 2(h) of the RTI Act, 2005. So, the RTI Act, 2005 does not apply upon the Virsa Vihar Society Amritsar. Hence, the present complaint case is **disposed of and closed** as per the above observation.

Dated:18.12.2019

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Patiala.



..... Appellant

Vs

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

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

..... Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3837 of 2019

Present:- Shri Manjit Singh, appellant is present.
Shri Rajesh Sharma, Clerk is present on behalf of Shri Sham Lal, PIO-cum-ATO,
O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala.

O R D E R

I have gone through the Order dated 28.11.2019 and on that date Shri Tirath Singh, Jr. Asstt. was present on behalf of the PIO and he requested for a date and assured that the information will be provided to the appellant before the next date of hearing. But today he has not come present rather Shri Rajesh Sharma, Clerk has come present.

The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the PIO. He has brought to the notice of the Commission that when he has filed the RTI application on 17.06.2019 then Shri Arvind Kumar, Secretary, RTA, Patiala was the State Public Information Officer and he neither provided any information nor sent any reply or letter to him. It is further brought to the notice that about 2 months ago Shri Sham Lal, ATO has been appointed as PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala. The appellant requested that when he filed the RTI application then Shri Arvind Kumar, Secretary, RTA, Patiala was the PIO, so action be taken against him.

The respondent who is present on behalf of the PIO requested that appellant be directed to visit the office of the PIO for inspection of the concerned records. On the request of the respondent the PIO is directed that he should call the appellant on his Mobile No. 76962-82813 for the inspection of the relevant records on any working day within 15 days and the attested copies of claimed information be provided to the appellant.

Both the parties to come present on the next date of hearing on **29.01.2020 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 18.12.2019

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..... Appellant

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

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

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3838 of 2019

Present:- Shri Manjit Singh, appellant is present.
Shri Rajesh Sharma, Clerk is present on behalf of Shri Sham Lal, PIO-cum-ATO,
O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala.

O R D E R

I have gone through the Order dated 28.11.2019 and on that date Shri Tirath Singh, Jr. Asstt. was present on behalf of the PIO and he requested for a date and assured that the information will be provided to the appellant before the next date of hearing. But today he has not come present rather Shri Rajesh Sharma, Clerk has come present.

The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the PIO. He has brought to the notice of the Commission that when he has filed the RTI application on 17.06.2019 then Shri Arvind Kumar, Secretary, RTA, Patiala was the State Public Information Officer and he neither provided any information nor sent any reply or letter to him. It is further brought to the notice that about 2 months ago Shri Sham Lal, ATO has been appointed as PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala. The appellant requested that when he filed the RTI application then Shri Arvind Kumar, Secretary, RTA, Patiala was the PIO, so action be taken against him.

The respondent who is present on behalf of the PIO requested that appellant be directed to visit the office of the PIO for inspection of the concerned records. On the request of the respondent the PIO is directed that he should call the appellant on his Mobile No. 76962-82813 for the inspection of the relevant records on any working day within 15 days and the attested copies of claimed information be provided to the appellant.

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..... Appellant

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O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

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

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3839 of 2019

Present:- Shri Manjit Singh, appellant is present.
Shri Rajesh Sharma, Clerk is present on behalf of Shri Sham Lal, PIO-cum-ATO,
O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala.

O R D E R

I have gone through the Order dated 28.11.2019 and on that date Shri Tirath Singh, Jr. Asstt. was present on behalf of the PIO and he requested for a date and assured that the information will be provided to the appellant before the next date of hearing. But today he has not come present rather Shri Rajesh Sharma, Clerk has come present.

The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the PIO. He has brought to the notice of the Commission that when he has filed the RTI application on 17.06.2019 then Shri Arvind Kumar, Secretary, RTA, Patiala was the State Public Information Officer and he neither provided any information nor sent any reply or letter to him. It is further brought to the notice that about 2 months ago Shri Sham Lal, ATO has been appointed as PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala. The appellant requested that when he filed the RTI application then Shri Arvind Kumar, Secretary, RTA, Patiala was the PIO, so action be taken against him.

The respondent who is present on behalf of the PIO requested that appellant be directed to visit the office of the PIO for inspection of the concerned records. On the request of the respondent the PIO is directed that he should call the appellant on his Mobile No. 76962-82813 for the inspection of the relevant records on any working day within 15 days and the attested copies of claimed information be provided to the appellant.

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Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

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

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3840 of 2019

Present:- Shri Manjit Singh, appellant is present.
Shri Rajesh Sharma, Clerk is present on behalf of Shri Sham Lal, PIO-cum-ATO,
O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala.

O R D E R

I have gone through the Order dated 28.11.2019 and on that date Shri Tirath Singh, Jr. Asstt. was present on behalf of the PIO and he requested for a date and assured that the information will be provided to the appellant before the next date of hearing. But today he has not come present rather Shri Rajesh Sharma, Clerk has come present.

The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the PIO. He has brought to the notice of the Commission that when he has filed the RTI application on 17.06.2019 then Shri Arvind Kumar, Secretary, RTA, Patiala was the State Public Information Officer and he neither provided any information nor sent any reply or letter to him. It is further brought to the notice that about 2 months ago Shri Sham Lal, ATO has been appointed as PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala. The appellant requested that when he filed the RTI application then Shri Arvind Kumar, Secretary, RTA, Patiala was the PIO, so action be taken against him.

The respondent who is present on behalf of the PIO requested that appellant be directed to visit the office of the PIO for inspection of the concerned records. On the request of the respondent the PIO is directed that he should call the appellant on his Mobile No. 76962-82813 for the inspection of the relevant records on any working day within 15 days and the attested copies of claimed information be provided to the appellant.

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Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

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

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3841 of 2019

Present:- Shri Manjit Singh, appellant is present.
Shri Rajesh Sharma, Clerk is present on behalf of Shri Sham Lal, PIO-cum-ATO,
O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala.

O R D E R

I have gone through the Order dated 28.11.2019 and on that date Shri Tirath Singh, Jr. Asstt. was present on behalf of the PIO and he requested for a date and assured that the information will be provided to the appellant before the next date of hearing. But today he has not come present rather Shri Rajesh Sharma, Clerk has come present.

The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the PIO. He has brought to the notice of the Commission that when he has filed the RTI application on 17.06.2019 then Shri Arvind Kumar, Secretary, RTA, Patiala was the State Public Information Officer and he neither provided any information nor sent any reply or letter to him. It is further brought to the notice that about 2 months ago Shri Sham Lal, ATO has been appointed as PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala. The appellant requested that when he filed the RTI application then Shri Arvind Kumar, Secretary, RTA, Patiala was the PIO, so action be taken against him.

The respondent who is present on behalf of the PIO requested that appellant be directed to visit the office of the PIO for inspection of the concerned records. On the request of the respondent the PIO is directed that he should call the appellant on his Mobile No. 76962-82813 for the inspection of the relevant records on any working day within 15 days and the attested copies of claimed information be provided to the appellant.

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Patiala.

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

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3842 of 2019

Present:- Shri Manjit Singh, appellant is present.
Shri Rajesh Sharma, Clerk is present on behalf of Shri Sham Lal, PIO-cum-ATO,
O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala.

O R D E R

I have gone through the Order dated 28.11.2019 and on that date Shri Tirath Singh, Jr. Asstt. was present on behalf of the PIO and he requested for a date and assured that the information will be provided to the appellant before the next date of hearing. But today he has not come present rather Shri Rajesh Sharma, Clerk has come present.

The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the PIO. He has brought to the notice of the Commission that when he has filed the RTI application on 17.06.2019 then Shri Arvind Kumar, Secretary, RTA, Patiala was the State Public Information Officer and he neither provided any information nor sent any reply or letter to him. It is further brought to the notice that about 2 months ago Shri Sham Lal, ATO has been appointed as PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala. The appellant requested that when he filed the RTI application then Shri Arvind Kumar, Secretary, RTA, Patiala was the PIO, so action be taken against him.

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

..... Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3843 of 2019

Present:- Shri Manjit Singh, appellant is present.
Shri Rajesh Sharma, Clerk is present on behalf of Shri Sham Lal, PIO-cum-ATO,
O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala.

O R D E R

I have gone through the Order dated 28.11.2019 and on that date Shri Tirath Singh, Jr. Asstt. was present on behalf of the PIO and he requested for a date and assured that the information will be provided to the appellant before the next date of hearing. But today he has not come present rather Shri Rajesh Sharma, Clerk has come present.

The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the PIO. He has brought to the notice of the Commission that when he has filed the RTI application on 19.06.2019 then Shri Arvind Kumar, Secretary, RTA, Patiala was the State Public Information Officer and he neither provided any information nor sent any reply or letter to him. It is further brought to the notice that about 2 months ago Shri Sham Lal, ATO has been appointed as PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala. The appellant requested that when he filed the RTI application then Shri Arvind Kumar, Secretary, RTA, Patiala was the PIO, so action be taken against him.

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Shri Manjit Singh, S/o Shri Sohan Singh, (M: 76962-82813),
H.No. 388/3, Dhandholian Road,
Patiala.



..... Appellant

Vs

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

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

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3844 of 2019

Present:- Shri Manjit Singh, appellant is present.
Shri Rajesh Sharma, Clerk is present on behalf of Shri Sham Lal, PIO-cum-ATO,
O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala.

O R D E R

I have gone through the Order dated 28.11.2019 and on that date Shri Tirath Singh, Jr. Asstt. was present on behalf of the PIO and he requested for a date and assured that the information will be provided to the appellant before the next date of hearing. But today he has not come present rather Shri Rajesh Sharma, Clerk has come present.

The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the PIO. He has brought to the notice of the Commission that when he has filed the RTI application on 19.06.2019 then Shri Arvind Kumar, Secretary, RTA, Patiala was the State Public Information Officer and he neither provided any information nor sent any reply or letter to him. It is further brought to the notice that about 2 months ago Shri Sham Lal, ATO has been appointed as PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala. The appellant requested that when he filed the RTI application then Shri Arvind Kumar, Secretary, RTA, Patiala was the PIO, so action be taken against him.

The respondent who is present on behalf of the PIO requested that appellant be directed to visit the office of the PIO for inspection of the concerned records. On the request of the respondent the PIO is directed that he should call the appellant on his Mobile No. 76962-82813 for the inspection of the relevant records on any working day within 15 days and the attested copies of claimed information be provided to the appellant.

Both the parties to come present on the next date of hearing on **29.01.2020 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 18.12.2019

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Patiala.



..... Appellant

Vs

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

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

..... Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3845 of 2019

Present:- Shri Manjit Singh, appellant is present.
Shri Rajesh Sharma, Clerk is present on behalf of Shri Sham Lal, PIO-cum-ATO,
O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala.

O R D E R

I have gone through the Order dated 28.11.2019 and on that date Shri Tirath Singh, Jr. Asstt. was present on behalf of the PIO and he requested for a date and assured that the information will be provided to the appellant before the next date of hearing. But today he has not come present rather Shri Rajesh Sharma, Clerk has come present.

The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the PIO. He has brought to the notice of the Commission that when he has filed the RTI application on 19.06.2019 then Shri Arvind Kumar, Secretary, RTA, Patiala was the State Public Information Officer and he neither provided any information nor sent any reply or letter to him. It is further brought to the notice that about 2 months ago Shri Sham Lal, ATO has been appointed as PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala. The appellant requested that when he filed the RTI application then Shri Arvind Kumar, Secretary, RTA, Patiala was the PIO, so action be taken against him.

The respondent who is present on behalf of the PIO requested that appellant be directed to visit the office of the PIO for inspection of the concerned records. On the request of the respondent the PIO is directed that he should call the appellant on his Mobile No. 76962-82813 for the inspection of the relevant records on any working day within 15 days and the attested copies of claimed information be provided to the appellant.

Both the parties to come present on the next date of hearing on **29.01.2020 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 18.12.2019

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H.No. 388/3, Dhandholian Road,
Patiala.



..... Appellant

Vs

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

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

..... Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3846 of 2019

Present:- Shri Manjit Singh, appellant is present.
Shri Rajesh Sharma, Clerk is present on behalf of Shri Sham Lal, PIO-cum-ATO,
O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala.

O R D E R

I have gone through the Order dated 28.11.2019 and on that date Shri Tirath Singh, Jr. Asstt. was present on behalf of the PIO and he requested for a date and assured that the information will be provided to the appellant before the next date of hearing. But today he has not come present rather Shri Rajesh Sharma, Clerk has come present.

The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the PIO. He has brought to the notice of the Commission that when he has filed the RTI application on 19.06.2019 then Shri Arvind Kumar, Secretary, RTA, Patiala was the State Public Information Officer and he neither provided any information nor sent any reply or letter to him. It is further brought to the notice that about 2 months ago Shri Sham Lal, ATO has been appointed as PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala. The appellant requested that when he filed the RTI application then Shri Arvind Kumar, Secretary, RTA, Patiala was the PIO, so action be taken against him.

The respondent who is present on behalf of the PIO requested that appellant be directed to visit the office of the PIO for inspection of the concerned records. On the request of the respondent the PIO is directed that he should call the appellant on his Mobile No. 76962-82813 for the inspection of the relevant records on any working day within 15 days and the attested copies of claimed information be provided to the appellant.

Both the parties to come present on the next date of hearing on **29.01.2020 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 18.12.2019

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Shri Rajinder Kumar Sharma, (M: 94635-12563),
RTI Activist & Press Reporter,
Raisar, Barnala.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Divisional Forest Officer,
Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Conservator of Forests,
South Circle, Patiala.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3429 of 2019

Present:- Shri Rajinder Kumar Sharma, appellant is present.
Shri Ramanpreet Singh, Block Officer is present on behalf of Ms. Vidya Sagari,
PIO-cum-DFO, Sangrur.

ORDER

Shri Rajinder Kumar Sharma, appellant filed RTI application dated 20.04.2019 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o Divisional Forest Officer, Sangrur.

I have gone through the RTI application dated 20.04.2019 and also gone through the Order dated 03.12.2019. In compliance to the Order the respondent has submitted a copy of letter no.226 dated 17.12.2019, which is taken in the file of the Commission. Another copy of the letter bearing no.225 dated 17.12.2019 is handed over to the appellant today before the Commission.

I have gone through the said letter and it is submitted by the PIO that a fine of Rs.66,250/- has been imposed upon the culprit who has illegally cut down the sheesham trees and the said person has deposited the amount of Rs.66,250/-.

The appellant has gone through the information and he stated that he is satisfied with the information. As the information has been provided to the appellant, so the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed**.

Dated: 18.12.2019

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Shri Manjinder Singh, (M: 98720-15069),
2469, Sunny Enclave,
Sector 125, Kharar,
Distt. Mohali.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
SCO 177-178, Sector-17,
Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3401 of 2019

Present:- Shri Manjinder Singh, appellant is present.
Shri Jai Ram Singh, Jr. Asstt. is present on behalf of Shri Karan Singh, PIO-cum-RTA, Hoshiarpur.

ORDER

Shri Manjinder Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 19.06.2019 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o Regional Transport Authority, Hoshiarpur.

Shri Jai Ram Singh, who has come present on behalf of the PIO stated that the sought for information has been provided to the appellant through letter no.1510 dated 17.12.2019. He has submitted a copy of the said letter, which is taken in the file of the Commission.

The appellant, Shri Manjinder Singh is present and stated that he has received the sought for information and he is satisfied. He has submitted a duly signed written submission dated 18.12.2019 that he has received the sought for information and he is satisfied and also requested to dispose of his appeal case. The said written submission is taken in the file of the Commission.

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

Dated: 18.12.2019

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Shri Manjinder Singh, (M: 98720-15069),
2469, Sunny Enclave,
Sector 125, Kharar,
Distt. Mohali.

..... Appellant

Vs

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
SCO 177-178, Sector-17,
Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3402 of 2019

Present:- Shri Manjinder Singh, appellant is present.
Shri Rajesh Sharma, Clerk is present on behalf of Shri Sham Lal, PIO-cum-ATO,
O/o RTA, Patiala..

ORDER

Shri Manjinder Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 19.06.2019 and sought some information from the office of the PIO.

Shri Rajesh Sharms, who has come present on behalf of the PIO stated that the sought for information has been provided to the appellant and the appellant is satisfied.

The appellant, Shri Manjinder Singh is present and stated that he has received the sought for information and he is satisfied. He has submitted a duly signed written submission dated 18.12.2019 that he has received the sought for information and he is satisfeid. The said written submission is taken in the file of the Commission.

A compensation of Rs.2,000/- was awarded in favour of the appellant to be paid by the PIO from the funds of public authority by the way of demand draft, but as stated by the appellant the amount of compensation has not been paid to him till today.

As the information has been provided to the appellant, so the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed** with a direction to the PIO that he should pay the amount of penalty to the appellant from the funds of public authority by the way of demand draft within 3 days and compliance report be sent back to the Commission.

Dated: 18.12.2019

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2469, Sunny Enclave,
Sector 125, Kharar,
Distt. Mohali.

..... Appellant

Vs

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
SCO 177-178, Sector-17,
Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3403 of 2019

Present:- Shri Manjinder Singh, appellant is present.
Shri Vikram Singh, Clerk is present on behalf of Ms. Ambika Vohra, PIO-cum-
Section Officer, O/o RTA, Jalandhar.

ORDER

Shri Manjinder Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 19.06.2019 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar.

The appellant is present today and Shri Vikram Singh, Clerk is present on behalf of Ms. Ambika Vohra, PIO-cum-Section Officer. The respondent has come present along with copies of information, which is today handed over to the appellant. The appellant returned the information to the respondent as it is not attested by the PIO.

So, the PIO is directed that attested copies of sought for information be sent to the appellant through registered post within 3 days. The PIO is further directed that the amount of compensation of Rs.2,000/-, which was awarded in favour of the appellant, be also sent to him by the way of demand draft along with the information and come present on the next date of hearing along with copy of information and copy of demand draft.

Both the parties to come present on the next date of hearing on **16.01.2020 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 18.12.2019

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Shri H.S. Hundal (Advocate), (M: 98785-00082),
203, Judicial Courts,
Sector 76, Mohali.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Punjab Mandi Board,
Sector 65, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Punjab Mandi Board,
Sector 65,
Mohali.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3916 of 2019

Present:- Shri H.S. Hundal (Advocate), appellant is present.
Smt. Jaswinder Kaur, Suptd. RTI Branch is present on behalf of Shri Paramjit
Singh, PIO-cum-DGM, O/o Punjab Mandi Board, Mohali.

ORDER

Shri H.S. Hundal (Advocate), appellant filed RTI application dated 30.07.2019 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o Punjab Mandi Board, Mohali.

I have gone through the RTI application dated 30.07.2019 and discussed the matter with both the parties. I have also gone through the Order dated 04.12.2019.

The appellant stated that he has already received the information related with para nos.1 to 4 of the RTI application, which are the instructions regarding allotment of transfer of plots.

So far as the information regarding para no.5 of the RTI application is concerned the respondent today provided the attested copies of information comprising of 81 pages of information to the appellant. The appellant has received the information and he stated that he is satisfied with the information.

As the matter involved in the RTI application has been resolved by the PIO, so the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed**.

Dated: 18.12.2019

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Shri Rajinder Kumar Sharma, (M: 94635-12563),
RTI Activist & Press Reporter,
Raisar, Barnala.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Divisional Forest Officer,
Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Conservator of Forests,
South Circle,
Patiala.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3957 of 2019

Present:- Shri Rajinder Kumar Sharma, appellant is present.
Shri Sarwan Kumar, Forester is present on behalf of Ms. Vidya Sagari, PIO-cum-DFO, Sangrur.

ORDER

Shri Rajinder Kumar Sharma, appellant filed RTI application dated 08.07.2019 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o Divisional Forest Officer, Sangrur.

I have gone through the Order dated 04.12.2019 and the PIO was directed to provide the attested copies of sought for information to the appellant.

The respondent who is present on behalf of the PIO, stated that in compliance to the Order dated 04.12.2019 the attested copies of sought for information has been provided to the appellant.

The appellant, Shri Rajinder Kumar Sharma is present and stated that he has received the sought for information and he is satisfied. He has submitted a duly signed written submission dated 18.12.2019 that he has received the sought for information and he is satisfied and also requested to dispose of his appeal case. The said written submission is taken in the file of the Commission.

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

Dated: 18.12.2019

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Shri Sukhdev Singh Pandher, (Retd. Suptd.),
Village Chahil, P.O. Bhadso,
Tehsil Nabha, Distt. Patiala.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o General Manager,
PRTC, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Managing Director,
PRTC (Head Office),
Patiala.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3866 of 2019

Present:- Shri Sukhdev Singh Pandher, appellant is present.
Smt. Rajesh Sharma, APIO-cum-Suptd. is present on behalf of the PIO-cum-GM,
PRTC, Patiala.
Shri Narinder Kumar, Sr. Asstt., is present on behalf of the First Appellate
Authority, O/o MD, PRTC (Head Office), Patiala.

ORDER

I have gone through the RTI application dated 06.03.2019 and discussed the matter with both the parties. I have also gone through the Order dated 04.12.2019 and the information was sent to the appellant by the PIO through registered post on 29.11.2019 and another copy of that information was also handed over to the appellant on the last date of hearing. The appellant sought some time to go through the information and the case was adjourned with a direction to the appellant that in case he is not satisfied with the information, then he should bring the deficiencies in writing to the notice of the PIO within 3 days.

The appellant submitted the list of deficiencies to the notice of the PIO and the reply/information was sent to the appellant by the PIO vide letter no.5468 dated 06.12.2019 through registered post on 06.12.2019 and the copy of the said reply/information is also received in the office of the Commission on 11.12.2019 and diarized vide no.23891.

The appellant stated that he is not satisfied with the reply/information, which was sent to him by the PIO in response to the list of deficiencies.

I have gone through the copy of letter dated 06.12.2019 and it is replied by the PIO that no instructions regarding point nos.1 and 2 of the RTI application are available in the office of the PIO for which the appellant is seeking information. So, when the instructions sought

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Appeal Case No. 3866 of 2019

by the appellant are not available in the office of the PIO, then the question of providing them to the appellant does not arise.

The appellant further stated that he has filed RTI application on 06.03.2019 and the PIO has not provided him the information within time and he requested to take some action against the PIO. No Show Cause Notice has been issued to the PIO in this case, but in the interest of law and justice, the PIO is directed that in future he should remain vigilant towards his duties and perform his duties within the time, otherwise action will be taken against the PIO. With this observation the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed**.

Dated: 18.12.2019

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S/o Shri Gurbachan Singh,
2163, Tibbi Sahib Road,
Gaushala Street,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o General Manager,
Punjab Roadways,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o General Manager,
Punjab Roadways,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3877 of 2019

Present:- Shri Gurdev Singh, appellant is absent.
Shri Hardeep Singh, APIO-cum-Suptd. and Shri Rajwinder Singh, Clerk are present on behalf of the PIO-cum-GM, Punjab Roadways, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

ORDER

Shri Gurdev Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 11.07.2019 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o General Manager, Punjab Roadways, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

The appellant is absent today, however he has sent an e-mail dated 18.12.2019, which is in the file of the Commission.

The Commission has received a mail sent by the PIO on 16.12.2019 and diarized vide no.24154, which is a copy of letter no.5981-82 dated 06.12.2019 through which attested copies of 9 pages of information was provided to the appellant.

The appellant has sent an e-mail. I have gone through the e-mail and it is submitted by the appellant that on 06.12.2019 the information was provided to him, but it is not understandable. But the appellant has not brought any specific mode or instance that how the information is not relevant.

I have gone through the copies of information, which were provided to the appellant by the PIO and all are readable and understandable. So, the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed.**

Dated: 18.12.2019

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Shri Charanjit Singh,
S/o Shri Sardara Singh,
Village & PO Gill,
Tehsil & Distt. Ludhiana.

..... Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee,
Amritsar.

..... Respondent

Complaint Case No. 614 of 2019

Present:- Shri Charanjit Singh, Complainant/applicant is absent.
None present on behalf of Shri Simarjit Singh, PIO, O/o SGPC, Amritsar.

O R D E R

Shri Charanjit Singh, Complainant/applicant filed RTI application dated 17.05.2019 and sought some information from the office of the PIO.

Both the parties are absent today.

The PIO, O/o SGPC, Amritsar is directed that he should personally come present on the next date of hearing and file reply to the complaint filed by the complainant/applicant. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission strict action will be taken against the PIO under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005.

Both the parties should personally come present on the next date of hearing on **09.01.2020 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 18.12.2019

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Shri Atma Singh, (M: 82838-39586),
S/o Shri Nihal Singh,
R/o Mahila Chowk,
Near State Bank of India,
Tehsil Sunam, Distt. Sangrur.

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/ o PEPSU Road Transport,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o Managing Director,
PEPSU Road Transport,
Patiala.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3947 of 2019

Present:- Shri Atma Singh, appellant is absent.
Smt. Rajesh Sharma, APIO-cum-Suptd. is present on behalf of Shri Mahinder Pal Singh, PIO-cum-GM, PRTC, Patiala.

ORDER

Shri Atma Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 18.02.2019 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o PEPSU Road Transport, Patiala.

I have gone through the RTI application dated 18.02.2019 and also gone through the Order dated 11.12.2019.

The respondent today submitted a copy of letter no.5632 dated 17.12.2019 along with a receipt duly signed by Shri Atma Singh, appellant, which is counter signed by Smt. Rajesh Sharma, APIO that Shri Atma Singh, appellant has signed the receipt in her presence and she identifies his signatures. I have gone through the receipt and it is submitted by the appellant that he has received the sought for information and his appeal case may kindly be disposed of. Both the papers are taken in the file of the Commission.

As the PIO has resolved the matter involved in the RTI application and provided the sought for information to the appellant, so the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed.**

Dated: 18.12.2019

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