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Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg, (9814230616)

S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
Romana Street, Jaito, Distt Faridkot.

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o E.O, MC, Jaitu,
Distt Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o A.D.C (G),
Faridkot.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3444 of 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg (9814230616)
Respondent: Sh. Vikrampreet Arora, Advocate (9872099077)

ORDER:

The above said Appeal Case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner, Punjab. After his retirement, the said Appeal Case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The RTI application is dated **08.02.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **06.03.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **26.05.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **20.11.2024**.

2. The respondent states that information (187 pages) has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 442 dated 12.10.2024 by registered post dated 18.11.2024.

3. The appellant states that he has not received any information / reply till date from the PIO. A copy of the covering letter dated 12.10.2024 is handed over to the appellant during the hearing.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the parties, the appellant is directed to point out specific deficiency, if any, as per RTI application after receiving information (sent to him through registered post on 18.11.2024) to the respondent PIO under intimation to the Commission, failing which, case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. **Both the parties are directed to come up on 30.04.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 20.11.2024

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...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o E.O, MC, Jaiton,
Distt Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o A.D.C (G),
Faridkot.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3445 of 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg (9814230616)
Respondent: Sh. Vikrampreet Arora, Advocate (9872099077)

ORDER:

The above said Appeal Case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner. After his retirement, the said Appeal Case was allocated to the undersigned Bench, Punjab. The RTI application is dated **08.02.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **06.03.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **26.05.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **20.11.2024**.

2. The respondent states that information (1100 pages) has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 444 dated 12.10.2024 by registered post dated 18.11.2024.

3. The appellant states that he has not received any information / reply till date from the PIO. A copy of the covering letter dated 12.10.2024 is handed over to the appellant during the hearing.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the parties, the appellant is directed to point out specific deficiency, if any, as per RTI application after receiving information (sent to him through registered post on 18.11.2024) to the respondent PIO under intimation to the Commission, failing which, case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. **Both the parties are directed to come up on 30.04.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 20.11.2024

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Sh. Ashwani Kumar Kukkar,
Phase - 1, Civil Lines,
Fazilka - 152123

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector - 17, Chandigarh.

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

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3476 of 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Smt. Raj Kumari, PIO-cum-Senior Assistant (9815045082)

ORDER:

The above said Appeal Case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner, Punjab. After his retirement, the said Appeal Case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The RTI application is dated **30.04.2022** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **22.02.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.05.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **20.11.2024**.

2. The respondent states that demanded information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 02.02.2023. However, the appellant is absent but an email dated 08.11.2023 was received vide which he had pointed out, deficiencies, in the supplied information.

3. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent, the appellant is directed to point out specific deficiency pertaining to RTI application, to PIO through registered post within 20 days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. Also, the PIO is directed to remove the deficiencies (if any), pointed out by the appellant, before the next hearing.

4. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. **To come up on 26.3.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 20.11.2024

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Sh. Madan Lal, (9872367068)

S/o Sh. Om Parkash,
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Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar, Parinda Road, Bathinda - 151001
V/s.

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Bathinda.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3526 of 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Sh. Madan Lal, through telephone. (9872367068)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The above said Appeal Case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner. After his retirement, the said Appeal Case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The RTI application is dated **08.08.2022** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **07.09.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.05.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **20.11.2024**.

2. The appellant states that incomplete information has been received from the PIO. However, the respondent PIO is absent but he has requested for an adjournment through email dated 20.11.2024, which is taken on record.

3. After having detailed deliberations with the appellant, the appellant is directed to point out specific deficiency through registered post to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within 15 days after receipt of this order.

4. Request of the respondent PIO is granted with the directions to remove the deficiency, if any, pointed out by the appellant, before the next hearing. He is also directed to remain present on the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.

5. **Parties are directed to attend the hearing on 26.03.2025 at 11.00 A.M. through ciscowebex. (Webex Meeting Number :25180667401 and Password : 12345)**

Date: 20.11.2024

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Sh. Manjinder Singh, (9872015069)

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Kharar, Distt Mohali - 140301

....Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3543 of 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh (9872015069)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous orders dated 03.11.2022, 25.01.2023, 01.03.2023, and 11.04.2023 passed by the Former State Information Commissioner Punjab, Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi, who has demitted office on 20.10.2023, thereafter, this case was allocated to the undersigned bench. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties today.

2. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the remaining information with regard to Point No. 4 and 5 of the RTI application. However, the respondent PIO is absent and he has requested for adjournment through email dated 18.11.2024, which is taken on record.

3. Request of the respondent is accepted. He is directed to provide the remaining information in connection with Point No. 4 and 5 to the appellant, under intimation to the Commission. He is also directed to file a reply to the Show Cause Notice which was issued to him vide order dated 25.01.2023.

5. To come up on 05.03.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.

Date: 20.11.2024

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Sh. Ravinder Kataria, (9463133590, 8544841830)

64, New Sant Fateh Singh Nagar,
Dugri Road, Ludhiana.

....Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3554 of 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Sh. Ravinder Kataria (9463133590)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The above said Appeal Case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner, Punjab. After his retirement, the said Appeal Case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The RTI application is dated **24.02.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **11.04.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **31.05.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **20.11.2024**.

2. The appellant states that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the sought information. However, the respondent PIO is absent but an email dated 20.11.2024 is received from him, stating therein that the demanded information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 43 dated 10.03.2023, which is taken on record.

3. After having detailed deliberations with the appellant, the respondent PIO is directed to supply the sought information to the appellant by registered post under intimation to the Commission. In case, the sought information is not available in the official record, PIO is directed to file a written reply in this regard. He is also directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end.

4. **To come up on 30.04.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 20.11.2024

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64, New Sant Fateh Singh Nagar,
Dugri Road, Ludhiana.

....Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3555 of 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Sh. Ravinder Kataria (9463133590)
Respondent: Sh. Tirath Singh, Junior Assistant (9464745370)

ORDER:

The above said Appeal Case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner, Punjab. After his retirement, the said Appeal Case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The RTI application is dated **24.02.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **11.04.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **31.05.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **20.11.2024**.

2. The appellant states that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the sought information.

3. The respondent states that information is voluminous in nature and requests the appellant to inspect the official record to collect the specific information.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, the appellant agreed to visit the respondent's office on 28.11.2024 at 11:00 A.M. for inspection of the official record pertaining to the RTI application. Accordingly, the respondent PIO and concerned officials are directed to remain present on the fixed date and time of inspection.

5. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **To come up on 30.04.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

Sd/-

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Date: 20.11.2024

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Sh. Bholu Singh, (8146300078)

S/o Sh. Nagori Singh,
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Are Wali Bachan Colony,
Multania Road, Bathinda.

....Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o S.S.P,
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o I.G.P, Bathinda Range,
Bathinda.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3576 of 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: ASI Resham Singh (7009880345)

ORDER:

The above said Appeal Case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner, Punjab. After his retirement, the said Appeal Case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The RTI application is dated **06.02.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **17.03.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **31.05.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **20.11.2024**.

2. The respondent states that similar reply has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 1085 dated 15.06.2023 in another RTI application.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even then he is absent, which seems that his absence is intentional and willful. **One last opportunity** is awarded to the appellant to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. **Both the parties are directed to attend the hearing on 26.03.2025 at 11.00 A.M. through ciscowebex. (Webex Meeting Number :25180667401 and Password : 12345)**

Date: 20.11.2024

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Sh. Gurjeet Singh, (9463138069)
S/o Sh. Gurdev Singh,
R/o Giana, Tehsil Talwandi Saboo,
Distt Bathinda.

....Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Talwandi Saboo,
Distt Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o S.D.M, Talwandi Saboo,
Distt Bathinda.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3566 of 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Sh. Gurjeet Singh (9463138069)
Respondent: Sh. Jashanpreet Singh, Kanugoo (9592714545)

ORDER:

The above said Appeal Case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner, Punjab. After his retirement, the said Appeal Case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The RTI application is dated **07.11.2022** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **09.12.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **31.05.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **20.11.2024**.

2. The appellant states that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the sought information.

3. The respondent states that sought information is not available in the respondent's office but the information is available in the General Record Room at Deputy Commissioner office, Bathinda.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, the PIO is advised to file a reply pertaining to RTI application, to take the matter to its logical end. Further, both the parties are also directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. **To come up on 26.03.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 20.11.2024

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Sh. Gurjeet Singh, (9463138069)
S/o Sh. Gurdev Singh,
R/o Giana, Tehsil Talwandi Saboo,
Distt Bathinda.

....Complainant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Talwandi Saboo,
Distt Bathinda.

....Respondents

Complaint Case No. 338 of 2023

PRESENT: Complainant: Sh. Gurjeet Singh (9463138069)
Respondent: Sh. Jashanpreet Singh, Kanugoo (9592714545)

ORDER:

The above said complaint case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner, Punjab. After his retirement, the said complaint case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The application dated **12.04.2023** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **24.05.2023** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **20.11.2024**.

2. The complainant states that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the sought information.

3. The respondent states that sought information is not available in the respondent's office but the information is available in the Revenue Record Room at Deputy Commissioner office, Bathinda.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, the PIO is advised to file a reply pertaining to RTI application, to take the matter to its logical end. Further, both the parties are also directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. **To come up on 26.03.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 20.11.2024

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