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Shri Bittu,

S/o Shri Om Kumar,
Village Bholapur, Jhabewal, P.O Ramgarh,
Chandigarh Road, Distt Ludhiana - 141123

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda.

....Appellant

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4085 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
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 **23.01.2023** 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 **06.05.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **27.06.2023** 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. **22.01.2025**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post even then he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. However, the respondent PIO is also absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices / orders of the Commission.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that sought information has not been supplied to the appellant till date. The respondent is directed to supply the sought information pertaining to the RTI application, to the appellant by registered post, under intimation to the Commission. **One opportunity** is awarded to both parties to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. **To come up on 23.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 22.01.2025

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Shri Balvir Singh Saini, (9463261803)

House No. 349, Street No. 3, Dashmesh Nagar,
Digana Nagar, Hoshiarpur.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director,
Technical Education and Industrial Training,
Sector - 36 A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training,
Sector - 36 A, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4145 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Balvir Singh Saini (9463261803)
Respondent: Shri Vikramjeet Singh Bains, Clerk (7888834855)

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 **03.04.2023** 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 **05.05.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.06.2023** 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. **22.01.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he is not satisfied with the information supplied by the respondent and has listed deficiencies in the information supplied to him in writing to the respondent.

3. The respondent states that the sought information was already sent to the appellant vide letter no. 30990 dated 24.11.2023 but no deficiency has been pointed out by the appellant till date.

4. In view of the above, a copy of the appellant's letter listing the deficiencies was handed over to the respondent at this hearing and the respondent has assured this Commission that he will supply the sought information to the appellant at the earliest.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. 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 27.08.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 22.01.2025

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Shri Pawan Kumar, (9876821133)

S/o Shri Telu Ram,
Z-2-09035, Gali No. 5, Ajit Road,
Bathinda – 151001

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o MC, Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o MC, Bathinda.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3822 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
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 **06.03.2023** 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 **17.04.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **13.06.2023** 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. **22.01.2025**.

2. The appellant is absent but an email dated 17.01.2025, has been received from him, mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing due to health issues and requested for an adjournment.

3. The respondent is also absent for today's hearing without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post even then he is absent. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent submitted a reply via an email dated 21.01.2025, which is taken on record.

4. Keeping in view of the appellant's submission, **One opportunity** is awarded to both parties 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 27.08.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

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Shri Tejinder Singh, (9041004313)

Advocate, Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,
Backside SanjhKender, Phillaur – 144410

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
SCO 177-178, Sector – 17 C, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
SCO 177-178, Sector – 17 C, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3845 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Tejinder Singh (9041004313)
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 **27.12.2022** 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 **21.01.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **13.06.2023** 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. **22.01.2025**.

2. The appellant states that no information has been received pertaining to his RTI application from the respondent till date.

3. The respondent states that reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 29704 dated 08.08.2023. A written reply submitted by the respondent was handed over to the appellant at this hearing. The appellant is requested to examine the information and list deficiencies, if any to the respondent, with a copy to this Commission. The respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies (if any), pointed out by the appellant, before the next date of 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 27.08.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

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Shri Surinder Kumar, (9463165327)

S/o Shri BhagwanDass,
Ward No. 8, FatehgarhChurian,
Tehsil Batala, DisttGurdaspur.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Transport Officer,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o S.D.M., Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3760 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
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 **23.02.2023** 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 **04.05.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **09.06.2023** 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. **22.01.2025**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post even then he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. However, the respondent is also absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices / orders of the Commission.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that sought information has not been supplied to the appellant till date. The respondent is directed to supply the sought information pertaining to the RTI application, to the appellant by registered post, under intimation to the Commission. **One opportunity** is awarded to both parties to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. **To come up on 27.08.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

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Shri Pawan Kumar, (9855568086)

S/o Shri Prakash Chand,
Kothi No. 240, Sudarshan Park Colony,
Nandpur Road, Maksuda, Distt Jalandhar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o I.K. Gujral Punjab Technical University,
Kapurthala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o I.K. Gujral Punjab Technical University,
Kapurthala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3988 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
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 **27.02.2023** 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 **05.04.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **20.06.2023** 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. **22.01.2025**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post even then he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. However, the respondent PIO is also absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices / orders of the Commission.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that requisite information has not been supplied to the appellant till date. The respondent is directed to supply the requisite information pertaining to the RTI application, to the appellant by registered post, under intimation to the Commission. **One opportunity** is awarded to both parties to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. **To come up on 27.08.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

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Mrs. Manju Bala, (9417939952)

W/o Shri Gopal Krishan,

R/o Village Nathana, # 643, Patti Veero,

Distt Bathinda.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o E.O, Improvement Trust, Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o A.D.C (U.D), Bathinda.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4018 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Varun Bansal, Advocate on behalf of the appellant (7009142020)

Respondent: Shri Gora Lal, EO (9417540893)

Shri Gagan, JA (8427930900)

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 **08.08.2022** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in her RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **22.09.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **19.06.2023** 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. **22.01.2025**.

2. The counsel for the appellant states that incomplete information has been received from the respondent and further, he states that, he desired an inspection of the concerned official record in the office of respondent.

3. The respondent states that information has already been sent to the appellant, which was received in the Commission vide diary no. 28044 dated 28.11.2023 and further he states that no deficiency was pointed out by him.

4. After having the detailed deliberations with both the parties, the appellant is directed to visit the respondent's office and inspect the official record pertaining to the RTI application. Accordingly, the respondent and concerned officials are directed to remain present on the mutually fixed date and time of inspection. The respondent is also directed to supply the identified information pertaining to the RTI application within one week after the inspection.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. 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 27.08.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 22.01.2025

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Shri Gurdeep Singh, (8558996361)
S/o Shri Kartar Singh,
Village Jhumba, Tehsil & Distt Bathinda.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar,
Bathinda.

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

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4019 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Varun Bansal, Advocate on behalf of the appellant (7009142020)
Respondent: Shri Jagjit Singh, Patwari (9814096065)

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 **02.07.2022** 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 **14.09.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **19.06.2023** 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. **22.01.2025**.

2. The counsel for the appellant states that incorrect information has been received from the respondent and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent states that the sought information is third party, which cannot be supplied to the appellant and a reply has already been sent to the appellant. However, after examining the RTI application, the Commission is of the view that the all information is not third party.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, the respondent is directed to supplied the sought information to the appellant, after redacting all personal details, within 15 days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. **To come up on 27.08.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

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Shri Baljinder Singh Sekhon, (9463244382)

S/o Shri Pritam Singh,
VPO Dakha, Tehsil & Distt Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o SHO, Model Town Dakha,
Tehsil Mullanpur Dakha, Distt Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DSP, Dakha,
Distt Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 692 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Baljinder Singh Sekhon (9463244382)
Respondent: ASI Daljeet Singh (9878100468)

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 **26.08.2022** 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 **10.10.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **17.01.2023** 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. **22.01.2025**.

2. The appellant states that incomplete information has been received and further, he states that the directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent states that the information has already been supplied to the appellant, which was submitted to the Commission via an email dated 30.07.2023. The perusal of the case file shows that the reply submitted by the respondent is not satisfactory.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, the respondent is directed to supply the sought information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing. 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 27.08.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 22.01.2025

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Shri Anil Bhatia, (9017397100)

R/o H 3, Ph 1202, Emaar The Views,
Sector - 105, Mohali - 160055

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI (Colleges), Punjab,
Phase - 8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DPI (Colleges), Punjab,
Phase - 8, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5205 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Anil Bhatia (9017397100)
Respondent: Smt. Paramjit Kaur, Senior Assistant (9463741800)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **19.04.2024** 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 **05.08.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **01.06.2024** 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. **22.01.2025**.

2. The appellant states that no information has been received pertaining to his RTI application from the respondent till date. Further, he states that the directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent requests some time to make a written submission in this appeal case because the concerned official is on Ex-India leave. The respondent is hereby granted an adjournment.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, the respondent is directed to supply the sought information pertaining to the RTI application, to the appellant by registered post, under intimation to the Commission. **One opportunity** is awarded to both parties to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. **To come up on 27.08.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

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Shri Anil Bhatia, (9017397100)

R/o H 3, Ph 1202, Emaar The Views,
Sector - 105, Mohali - 160055

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Dean College Development Council,
Punjabi University,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Vice Chancellor, Punjabi University,
Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5851 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Anil Bhatia (9017397100)
Respondent: Shri Vikrant Sharma Advocate on behalf of the respondent (9814105515)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **23.05.2024** 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 **01.07.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **19.09.2024** 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. **22.01.2025**.

2. The appellant states that no information has been received pertaining to his RTI application from the respondent till date. Further, he states that the directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. However, the respondent submitted a reply at this hearing, mentioning therein that the matter is under investigation, so the sought information can only be supplied after the completion of the investigation.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, the respondent is directed to look into this matter thoroughly and present the status report of this present case on the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.

5. **To come up on 27.08.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 22.01.2025

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