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FINAL ORDER

Smt. Shanti Devi, (8054263684)

W/o Shri Gopal Dass,
R/o Ward No. 6 C, LaxmiBagh, Dhuri,
Distt Sangrur – 148024

...Appellant

Versus

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

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

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5799 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **11.04.2023** passed by Former SIC, Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi, who has demitted the office on **20.10.2023**, thereafter, this case was allocated to the undersigned bench. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **23.04.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent without intimation. However, the appellant is also absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the parties through registered post but even then both parties are absent.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has submitted his reply, which was received in the Commission vide diary no. 29238 dated 18.12.2023, mentioning therein that the sought information has already been sent to the appellant.

4. The appellant, Smt. Shanti Devi, was contacted on the telephone where she confirmed that she had received the sought information from the respondent and was satisfied with it.

5. Keeping in view of the above and the statement given by the appellant, the Commission is of the view that no further cause of action is required. Hence, this case is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 23.04.2025

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
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FINAL ORDER

Shri Arun Bansal, (7508130450)

S/o Shri Raj Kumar Bansal,
House No. 27, Bharat Nagar, Bathinda - 151001
RTI Application No. 49576

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, Improvement Trust,
Bathinda.

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

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1971 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Gora Lal, PIO-cum-EO (9417540893) and
Shri Gagandeep Singh, JA (8417936900)

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 **31.01.2023** 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 **02.02.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **21.03.2023** 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. **23.04.2025**.

2. The respondent states that the sought information has already been supplied to the appellant twice by registered post, as directed at the last hearing and no deficiency has been pointed out by the appellant till date.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing / order was sent to him through registered post even then he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The prima facie appears that the appellant does not intend to pursue the case and he has nothing to say in this regard.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and examining the case file, the Commission is of the view that no further cause of action is required. Hence, this case is **disposed of and closed.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 23.04.2025

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FINAL ORDER

Shri Sudager Singh, (9914105586)

S/o Shri Chajja Singh,
R/o 855, Sector - 70, S.A.S Nagar

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, State Transport Punjab,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, State Transport Punjab,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4538 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Smt. Harmohan Kaur, JA (9878326706) and
Indu Shekhar, SA (7814849683)

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 **11.07.2022** 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 **30.01.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **11.07.2023** 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. **23.04.2025**.

2. The respondent states that sought information has already been supplied to the appellant but no deficiencies have been pointed out by the appellant till date.

3. However, 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. The prima facie appears that the appellant does not intend to pursue the case and he has nothing to say in this regard.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and examining the case file, the Commission is of the view that no further cause of action is required. Hence, this case is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 23.04.2025

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FINAL ORDER

Shri Sandeep Kumar, (9876209301)
S/o Shri Raj Kumar,
Village AraiyaWala, P.O ChakSaidoKa,
Tehsil Jalalabad, Distt Fazilka.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, State Transport Punjab,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, State Transport Punjab,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4541 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Sandeep Kumar (9876209301)
Respondent: Smt. Harmohan Kaur, JA (9878326706) and
Indu Shekhar, SA (7814849683)

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 **29.04.2023** 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 **17.05.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.07.2023** 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. **23.04.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he is not satisfied with the reply supplied by 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 requisite information relates to 18 Depots and all the Depots have separate PIOs. The respondent also states that a reply was already sent to the appellant on 12.05.2023.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and examining the case file, the appellant is directed to address his RTI application to the concerned PIO because all the Depots have their separate PIOs.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4541 OF 2023

5. The Commission has examined the RTI application alongside the reply submitted by the respondent and is of the view that this adequately addresses the RTI application. The Commission is of the view that no further cause of action is required. Hence, this appeal case is **disposed of and closed.**

Date: 23.04.2025

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FINAL ORDER

Shri Harman Singh (9781784357),
S/o Shri Balwinder Singh,
Village Issi, P.O Mimsa,
Tehsil Dhuri, Distt Sangrur - 148017

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI (EE),
Punjab, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DPI (EE), Punjab, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7195 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Harman Singh (9781784357)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **09.04.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he has not received information from the respondent as requested in his RTI application and further, he requested the court for direction to supplying the sought information.

3. As per the order dated 14.01.2025, passed by the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court in CWP No. 654 of 2025, mentioning therein the case be decided within a period of 8 weeks from 04.03.2025. Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing on 04.03.2025.

On hearing held on 04.03.2025, the respondent stated that the identical / similar information had already been sought by the appellant in AC No. 5323/2023, which was disposed of by the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner Punjab. Accordingly, the appellant was directed to demonstrate / enumerate the larger public interest involved in seeking the sought information within 10 days after receipt of this order, to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission to take the matter to its logical end. The case was further fixed for hearing on 09.04.2025.

On hearing held on 09.04.2025, the appellant made written submissions regarding public interest involved in seeking the sought information but the respondent PIO was absent without intimation. Accordingly one opportunity was awarded to the respondent PIO to remain present on the next date of hearing on 23.04.2025 i.e. today.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 7195 OF 2024

4. The respondent PIO is absent consecutively without intimation, even nobody is present on his behalf to present their version, which shows they have nothing to controvert version of the appellant. The appellant has specifically stated that he is the candidate of this selection process and the information sought by him is in public interest.

5. This Commission also recommends disciplinary action against the PIO, **Mrs. Ritu Bala, PIO-cum-Assistant Director along with Shri Tejinder Pal Singh, Superintendent, Office of Director Public Instructions (EE), Punjab, Mohali**, as per **Section 20(2) of the RTI Act, 2005**, within 30 days after receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission. In case Mrs. Ritu Bala was not the PIO at the time of filing the RTI application dated 13.09.2024, then take the disciplinary action against the concerned respondent PIO who was posted at that time. A copy of this order is being sent to Smt. Harkirat Kaur, PCS, Director Public Instructions (EE) by name.

A copy of this order is also being sent to Smt. Anindita Mitra, IAS, Secretary, School Education, Punjab, Mini Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh, for the compliance of this order.

6. In view of the above, the respondent PIO is directed to provide the sought information as per the RTI application to the appellant after redacting all personal details, within 30 days after receipt of this order. In case, information is not available then the specific undertaking be sent to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

7. With the above directions, the case is **disposed of and closed**.

Date: 23.04.2025

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Cc: 1. **Smt. Harkirat Kaur, PCS,** (for the compliance of this order)
Director Public Instruction (EE),
Punjab, Mohali.

2. **Smt. Anindita Mitra, IAS,** (for the compliance of this order)
Secretary, School Education,
Punjab, Mini Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh

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FINAL ORDER

Shri Shivam Manocha, (9592977260)
334/6, Krishna Street,
Nimak Mandi Chowk, Amritsar - 143001

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Guru Nanak Dev University,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Vice Chancellor,
Guru Nanak Dev University,
Amritsar

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6742 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Kanahya Manocha on behalf of the appellant
Respondent: Shri Arun Bajaj, SA (9915589197) and
Shri Subash Chander, Superintendent (7986732030)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **18.02.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he had received information after the inspection, but he is not satisfied with the information and further, he raised several objections in the supplied information.
3. The respondent states that the sought information has already been sent to the appellant after the inspection, as directed at the last hearing.
4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, the Commission has examined the RTI application alongside the reply / information submitted by the respondent and is of the view that this adequately addresses the RTI application. The Commission is of the view that no further cause of action is required. Hence, this appeal case is **disposed of and closed.**

Date: 23.04.2025

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