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Shri Surjan Singh (98784-21510)

S/o Shri Mela Singh,
VPO Hassanpur, Tehsil Mullanpur,
District Ludhiana.

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Sudhar, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5853 of 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Surjan Singh (98784-21510)

Respondent: Shri Harjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary (9417643240)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **28.09.2023**. Earlier the case was heard by Sh. Maninder Singh Patti, State Information Commissioner, Punjab, who has demitted the office on **20.10.2023**. Thereafter, the case was allocated to this bench, which is fixed for hearing today i.e. **04.12.2024**.

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

3. The respondent is present and requested for an adjournment. The request of the respondent is granted. After having the detailed deliberations with the appellant and examining the case file, **last opportunity** is awarded to the respondent PIO to supply the sought information to the appellant by registered post, under intimation to the Commission. 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 26.03.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 04.12.2024

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Shri Ashok Kumar (97801-50888)
S/o Late Shri Sham Lal,
R/o Bank Street , New Basti, Nabha,
District Patiala.

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Markfed,
Ranjit Singh Market, Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Markfed,
Ranjit Singh Market, Sangrur.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 802 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 **15.10.2022** 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 **24.11.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **23.01.2023** 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. **04.12.2024**.

2. The respondent is absent, but a letter has been received in the Commission vide diary no. 13041 dated 16.10.2024, mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested for an adjournment, which is taken on record.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent submits that the reply has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 835 dated 17.07.2023, under intimation to the Commission, via email dated 29.11.2023, which is taken on record.

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 though he is absent, which seems that his absence is intentional and willful. **One opportunity** is awarded to both parties to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberation, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. **To come up on 25.06.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 04.12.2024

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S/o Late Shri Sham Lal,
R/o Bank Street , New Basti, Nabha,
District Patiala.

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Markfed,
Sector 35-B, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Markfed,
Sector 35-B, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 803 of 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Pawan Narang, PIO-cum-Chief Internal Auditor (9815328463)

Shri Shiv Kumar, Senior Assistant (9878634594)

Shri Shambhav Sharma, Senior Assistant (959290200)

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 **28.10.2022** 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 **07.12.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **23.01.2023** 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. **04.12.2024**.

2. The respondent states that the sought information (174 pages) has already been supplied to the appellant after inspection of the official record by the appellant pertaining to the RTI application. The respondent further states that the appellant has not pointed out any deficiency in the information supplied.

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 though he is absent, which seems that his absence is intentional and willful. **One opportunity** is awarded to him to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberation, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. **To come up on 25.06.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 04.12.2024

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Shri Bhushan Kumar (98729-11937)

S/o Shri Amrit Lal,
Opposite Dr. Grover,
Near Bus Stand Rampura Phul.

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Rampura Phul,
District Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (UD), Bathinda.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 253 of 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Mandeep Singh, Clerk (9878958893)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **11.05.2023**. Earlier the case was heard by Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner, Punjab, who has demitted the office on **20.10.2023**. Thereafter, the case was allocated to this bench, which is fixed for hearing today i.e. **04.12.2024**.

2. The respondent states that the demanded information has already been supplied to the appellant twice vide letter dated 09.05.2023 and 03.12.2024. Further, the respondent states that no deficiency has been pointed out by the appellant till date.

3. The appellant is absent, but he has informed the Commission of his inability to attend the hearing through email dated 03.12.2024 and requested for an adjournment. The appellant is directed to submit a clear typed RTI application, which he submitted in this present Appeal case because his RTI application is not readable. **One opportunity** is awarded to him to list deficiency in the supplied information to the respondent, under intimation to the Commission and both 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.

4. **Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 22.04.2025 at 11.00 A.M. through cisco webex. (Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345.)**

Date: 04.12.2024

Sd/-
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Shri Bhushan Kumar (98729-11937)

S/o Shri Amrit Lal,
Opposite Dr. Grover,
Near Bus Stand Rampura Phul.

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Rampura Phul,
District Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (UD), Bathinda.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3689 of 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Mandeep Singh, Clerk (9878958893)

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 **06.10.2022** 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 **29.12.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **07.06.2023** 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. **04.12.2024**.

2. The respondent states that the demanded information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 03.12.2024. The Commission notes that the information was supplied to the appellant just before one day of hearing i.e. 03.12.2024.

3. The appellant is absent, but he has informed the Commission of his inability to attend the hearing through email dated 03.12.2024 and requested for an adjournment. The appellant is directed to submit a clear typed RTI application, which he submitted in this present Appeal case because his RTI application is not readable. **One opportunity** is awarded to the appellant to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations along with directions to point out deficiency to the respondent within one week after receipt of the information under intimation to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. **Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 22.04.2025 at 11.00 A.M. through cisco webex. (Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345.)**

Date: 04.12.2024

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Shri Bhoop Ram, Advocate (98150-12402)

S/o Shri Om Parkash,
R/o Village and P.O. Dodewala,
Tehsil Abohar, District Fazilka.

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o General Manager,
State Transport, Punjab Roadways,
(PUNBUS), Depot. Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, State Transport,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4875 of 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Surinder Singh, Senior Assistant (7973866983)

Shri Satvir Kant, Clerk (9646066132)

Shri Amritpal Singh, Law Officer (8427008157)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **11.05.2023**. Earlier the case was heard by Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner, Punjab, who has demitted the office on **20.10.2023**. Thereafter, the case was allocated to this bench, which is fixed for hearing today i.e. **04.12.2024**.

2. The respondent states that information has already been supplied to the appellant and no deficiency has been pointed out by the appellant till date. Further, he submits the copy of reply along with information vide letter no. 14812 dated 04.12.2024, which is taken on record.

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

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

Date: 04.12.2024

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Shri Rashpal Singh (7528096913)

S/o Shri Gurdeep Singh,
Village Jodhpur, P.O. Karma,
Tehsil and District Ferozepur (152023)

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director,
State Transport, Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director,
State Transport, Punjab, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3629 of 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Rashpal Singh (7528096913)

Respondent: Smt. Harmohan Kaur, Junior Assistant (9878326706)

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 **02.03.2023** 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 **15.04.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **02.06.2023** 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. **04.12.2024**.

2. The appellant states that he has not received any information till date from the respondent. The appellant further states that the directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the complete requisite information.

3. The respondent states that the requisite information relates to 18 Depots and all the Depots have separate PIOs. The respondent also states that reply was already sent to the appellant vide letter no. 1484 dated 21.03.2023.

4. After having the detailed deliberations with the appellant and examining the case file, the respondent PIO is directed to write letter to PIOs of 18 Depots to supply the sought information to the appellant directly, under intimation to the Commission, before the next date of hearing.

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 26.03.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 04.12.2024

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Shri Thakar Singh (94637-56626)

S/o Shri Sardara Singh,
R/o Saharan Patti, Jhaldi,
Tehsil Sunam, District Sangrur.

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o SDM, Sunam.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o SDM, Sunam.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3631 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 **02.02.2023** 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 **22.03.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **02.06.2023** 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. **04.12.2024**.

2. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices/orders of the Commission. The perusal of the case file shows that a reply has been sent to the appellant, which was received in the Commission vide diary no. 15032 dated 02.12.2024, mentioning therein that the RTI application is not readable and requested the appellant to submit clear readable 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 even though he is absent. The Commission also notes that RTI application is not readable, so the appellant is directed to submit a typed readable copy of RTI application of this present Appeal case to the respondent with a copy to this Commission.

4. The respondent is also directed to supply the sought information to the appellant after the receipt of copy of RTI application, 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 26.03.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 04.12.2024

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Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069)

2469, Sunny Enclave,
Sector 125, Kharar, District Mohali -140301

...Appellant

V/s.

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 861 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 **26.10.2022** 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 **01.12.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.01.2023** 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. **04.12.2024**.

2. The appellant is absent, but an email dated 04.12.2024, has been received from him today mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested for an adjournment, which is taken on record. However, 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 07.05.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 04.12.2024

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Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069)

2469, Sunny Enclave,
Sector 125, Kharar, District Mohali -140301

...Appellant

V/s.

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Hoshiarpur.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 862 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 **27.10.2022** 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 **01.12.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.01.2023** 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. **04.12.2024**.

2. The appellant is absent, but an email dated 04.12.2024, has been received from him today mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested for an adjournment, which is taken on record. However, respondent is also absent and requests for adjournment through email dated 03.12.2024. The request of the respondent is granted with the directions to supply the sought information to the appellant, under intimation to the Commission, before the next hearing.

3. 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.

4. **To come up on 07.05.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 04.12.2024

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Shri Amritpal Singh (7837932299)

S/o Shri Major Singh,
VPO Abdal, Tehsil and District Amritsar (143502)
V/s.

...Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director,
State Transport, Punjab,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 884 of 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Amritpal Singh (7837932299)

Respondent: Smt. Harmohan Kaur, Junior Assistant (9878326706)

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 **13.10.2022** 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 **12.12.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **25.01.2023** 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. **04.12.2024**.

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

3. The respondent brought the information regarding point no. 3, 5, and 10, at today's hearing and assured to send it to the appellant by registered post today positively. The respondent further states that remaining information relates to 18 Depots and all the Depots have separate PIOs.

4. After having the detailed deliberations with the appellant and examining the case file, the respondent PIO is directed to write letter to PIOs of 18 Depots to supply the sought information to the appellant directly, under intimation to the Commission, before the next date of hearing.

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 26.03.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

Sd/-

(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date: 04.12.2024