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<u>Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab</u>

Gurmej Lal, House No. 6375, Street no. 16, Guru Gobind Singh Nagar, Backside Bachan Gas Agency, P.O. - Daba, Ludhiana -141003 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

Date: 16th December, 2019

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1881 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Satish Kumar, Assistant Town Planner-cum-PIO, Zone – C, in person.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 15.10.2019 and the respondent PIO was directed to supply complete information to the Appellant by registered post.

The appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal, is not present today's hearing.

Sh. Satish Kumar, Assistant Town Planner-cum-PIO, Zone – C, who appeared in person in today's hearing, submits a copy of reply vide letter no. 252 dated 04.10.2019 signed by himself, showing that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal vide letter no. 251 dated 04.10.2019 through registered post. The same reply with information has again been handed over to the appellant in person on 14.12.2019 and on the reply, the appellant has put his signatures on 14.12.2019 as an acknowledgement of having received the requisite information after inspection. It is taken on record.

Since the complete information has been supplied to the appellant, the case is <u>disposed of and closed.</u>

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Sukhdev Singh, House No. 223, Street no. 4, Guru Gobind Singh Nagar, Near Mair Di Chakki, P.O. - Daba, Ludhiana -141003 (Punjab)

V/s.

... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1882 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Satish Kumar, Assistant Town Planner-cum-PIO, Zone – C, in person.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 15.10.2019 and the appellant was advised to point out deficiencies in the information already supplied to him.

Sh. Satish Kumar, Assistant Town Planner-cum-PIO, Zone – C, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Sukhdev Singh through registered post.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 250 dated 04.10.2019 signed by Assistant Town Planner-cum-PIO, Zone – C, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Sukhdev Singh vide letter no. 90 dated 20.06.2019 It alongwith annexure, is already placed in the case-file.

The appellant, Sh. Sukhdev Singh, was absent on the hearing, held on 15.10.2019. He is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has neither pointed out any deficiency in the information supplied to him, to the respondent-PIO, nor approached the Commission with any contrary claim.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the appellant is satisfied with the information supplied to him and hence the case is <u>disposed of and closed.</u>

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Surjit Singh, House No. 2990/76, Street no. 4, Guru Gobind Singh Nagar, Near Mair Di Chakki, P.O. - Lohaara, Ludhiana -141003(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1884 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Satish Kumar, Assistant Town Planner-cum-PIO, Zone – C, in person.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 15.10.2019 and the respondent PIO was directed to supply complete information to the appellant by registered post.

The appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh, is not present today's hearing.

Sh. Satish Kumar, Assistant Town Planner-cum-PIO, Zone – C, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh in person on 11.12.2019. He also submits a copy of written note dated 11.12.2019 signed by the appellant as an acknowledgement of having received the requisite information, in which he claimed that he is satisfied with the information supplied. It is taken on record.

As the appellant has given his consent to dispose the case, the case is disposed of and closed.

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Sarabjeet Singh Gill, House No. 60-35-P- 376-1, Street no. 8, Maha Singh Nagar, P.O. Dhandari Kalan, Ludhiana -141014(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1885 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

- i) Sh. Ravinder Kumar, S. D. O., Zone A;
- ii) Sh. Harjit Singh, S. D. O., Zone B;
- iii) Sh. Kulwinder Singh, S. D. O., Zone C;
- iv) Sh. Baljinder Singh, S. D. O., Zone D, for the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 15.10.2019 and the appellant was advised to visit the concerned offices for inspection of records i.e. for Zone A and Zone B on 06.11.2019 at 11:00 A.M. and for Zone C and Zone D on 07.11.2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Sh. Ravinder Kumar, S.D.O., Zone-A; Sh. Harjit Singh, S.D.O., Zone-B;

Sh. Kulwinder Singh, S. D. O., Zone-C ;and Sh. Baljinder Singh, S. D. O., Zone-D, who appeared for the respondent PIO in today's hearing, intimate the Commission that the appellant did not visit the office of concerned S.D.Os of Zone – A, B, C and D on the fixed dates but his representatives i. e. Sh. Amarjit Singh and Balwinder Singh, visited the office on another date and inspected the official record but have not identified any information to collect. In regard to that, they also submit two replies; i) vide letter no. 29 dated 13.12.2019 signed by APIO, Zone –B (B & R), Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and ii) vide letter no. 270 dated 13.12.2019 signed by APIO, Zone –C (B & R), Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, which are taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Gill was not present on the last date of hearing, held on 15.10.2019 and he is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has also not approached the Commission with any contrary claim.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the appellant does not require information anymore and not willing to pursue this case further, hence the case is **disposed of and closed**.

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Rakesh Kumar Gupta S/o Sh. Des Raj Gupta, # 8/237, Jagraon Road, Mandi Mullanpur, Distt. Ludhiana. -141101(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

(Regd. Post) O/o The Executive Officer,

Municipal Council,

Mullanpur Dakha, Distt. Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Pb., Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1918 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 15.10.2019 and the respondent-PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post and an opportunity was also given to the appellant point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta through a letter dated 16.12.2019, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of six months.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1)

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provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the

next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does

not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be

presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further

proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered

post.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the certified copies

of the required information to the appellant through registered post at his residential

address before the next date of hearing and produce a copy of the postal receipt,

through which information would be sent to the appellant, before the Commission on the

next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has

received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the

information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be

removed by the respondent concerned. He is also advised to represent his case in

person or through his representative on the next date of hearing or the case would be

decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 5th February, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Amandeep Singh Gill S/o Sh. Nirmal Singh Gill, Street No. 15, Peeru Banda, Salem Tibri, Ludhiana-141008(Punjab)

...Complainant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development and

Panchayat Officer, Block Ghal Khurd,

Distt. Ferozepur(Punjab)

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

O/o Village Development Officer (V.D.O.),

O/o Gram Panchayat,

Khuh-Chah-Parsia, Block Ghall Khurd,

Distt. Ferozepur(Punjab) ... Respondents

Complaint Case No. 450 of 2019

Present: Sh. Amandeep Singh Gill, the complainant in person.

None came present from offices of B.D.P.O., Ghull Khurd and V.D.O.,

Khuh-Chah Parsia, in today's hearing.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 15.10.2019 and complainant and both the PIOs i. e. office of B.D.P.O., Block Ghall Khurd, Distt. Ferozepur and PIO office of Village Development Officer, Gram Panchayat, Khu Chah Parsia, Block Ghal Khurd, Distt. Ferozepur were directed to appear in person before the Commission.

The complainant, Sh. Amandeep Singh Gill, appeared in person in today's hearing.

None came present from offices of B.D.P.O., Ghull Khurd and V.D.O., Khuh-Chah Parsia, in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that on the earlier hearing, held on 15.10.2019, none was present on behalf of respondent PIO, accordingly, both PIOs i. e. office of B.D.P.O., Block Ghal Khurd, Distt. Ferozepur and PIO office of Village Development Officer, Gram Panchayat, Khuh-Chah-Parsia, Block Ghall Khurd, Distt. Ferozepur were directed to appear in person before the Commission.

As none of the PIOs of the above-mentioned officials are present in today's hearing, accordingly, a copy of this order be sent to District Development and Panchayat Officer, Ferozepur through registered post with the advice to ensure presence of the concerned PIOs of the abovesaid offices to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively to clear the facts of this case. A copy of this order be also be sent to the concerned PIOs of above-mentioned offices through registered post

The case is <u>adjourned to 5th February, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date: 16th December, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

(Regd. Post) The District Development and

Panchayat Officer, Ferozepur (Punjab)

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Jagjit Singh S/o Sh. Hukam Singh, H. No. 459- A, Sector 61, Chandigarh

...Complainant

V/s.

Public Information Officer, O/o The Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training, (IT Wing), Punjab, Sector 36, Chandigarh

Date: 16th December, 2019

... Respondents

Complaint Case No. 493 of 2019

Present: Sh. Jagjit Singh, the complainant in person.

- i) Sh. Mewa Singh, Superintendent I;
- ii) Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 15.10.2019 and the complainant was advised to point out deficiencies in written, if any, in the information supplied to the respondent PIO through registered post with a copy to the Commission.

Sh. Mewa Singh, Superintendent – I and Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that he has brought the requisite information in the Commission so that the same could be handed over to the complainant, Sh. Jagjit Singh during the hearing. He also handed over the same to the complainant, Sh. Jagjit Singh during the hearing in the Commission today. He also submits a reply vide letter no. 1996 dated 11.12.2019, which is taken o record.

After going through the information supplied, the complainant, Sh. Jagjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that he has received the requisite information. He also through a letter dated Nil has acknowledged that he has received the requisite information. It is taken on record

Since the information stands supplied, the case is <u>disposed of and closed</u>. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Piara Singh S/o Sh. Butta Singh, Khahnuwal Road, Near SD College, Tower Wali Gali, Gurdaspur(Punjab)

Date: 16th December, 2019

...Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Officer,

Nagar Council,

Gurdaspur(Punjab) ... Respondents

Complaint Case No. 497 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

(Regd. Post)

This case was last heard on 15.10.2019 and the complainant was advised to point out deficiencies in the information supplied to the respondent PIO through registered post with a copy to the Commission.

The appellant, Sh. Piara Singh through a letter dated 06.11.2019, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 21814 dated 13.11.2019 has intimated the Commission that misleading information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far. It is taken on record.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of ten months.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to

Public Information Officer concerned of office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Gurdaspur, as to why

penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant
under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is <u>adjourned to 5th February, 2020(Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
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Ravi Kumar S/o Sh. Dharminder Kumar, House No. 107, Back Side Santpura Gurudwara, Patiala Gate, Sangrur (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur (Punjab)

Date: 16th December, 2019

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3588 of 2018

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Gurcharan Singh, Assistant Transport Officer, in person.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 15.10.2019 and final opportunity was given to the appellant to appear before the Commission in person to represent this case.

Sh. Gurcharan Singh, Assistant Transport Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that a reply has already been given to the appellant, Sh. Ravi Kumar vide letter no. 4758 dated 25.03.2019.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 4758 dated 25.03.2019 signed by Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur, has intimated the Commission that that a reply has already been given to the appellant, Sh. Ravi Kumar vide letter no. 4758 dated 25.03.2019, intimating him that the information sought for by him through RT request is 'third party' information. It is already placed in the case-file.

The appellant, Sh. Ravi Kumar, was not present on the hearings, held on 29.01.2019, 26.03.2019, 22.05.2019, 16.07.2019 and 15.10.2019. He is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has also not approached the Commission with any contrary claim.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the appellant does not wish to pursue this case further and hence the case is <u>disposed of and closed.</u>

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Satnam Singh Dhawan, (Regd. Post) 7 GIK Vihar, Manakwal,

Ludhiana (Punjab)

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1953 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Amardeep Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 16.10.2019 and an opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO. Another opportunity was also given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative.

Sh. Amardeep Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a copy of reply vide letter no. 5006 dated 14.02.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana, showing that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Satnam Singh Dhawan through registered post, appended to which is a reply vide letter no. 9843 dated 22.11.2019, showing that a reply has again been sent to the appellant through registered post on 28.11.2019. It, alongwith annexure and a copy of postal receipt, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Satnam Singh Dhawan, through a letter dated 15.12.2019 which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO. It is taken on record.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 16.01.2020 at 11:00 A. M. so that the appellant could identify the required information. The appellant is also advised to avail the opportunity to inspect the relevant official record on 16.01.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information.

A copy of this order be sent to the appellant through registered post.

The respondent-PIO concerned is directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him as per official record by the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 10th February, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg)

Date: 16th December, 2019

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Tejinder Singh, Village Bholapur, P. O. – Ramgarh, Chd Road, Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o The Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Deptt. Of Transport, Pb. Mini Secretariat, Sector – 9, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Principal Secretary To Government of Punjab, Deptt. Of Transport, Pb. Mini Secretariat, Sector – 9, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1962 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer, in person.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 16.10.2019 and as the notice of hearing issued by the Commission vide no. 16068 dated 17.09.2019 in the name of the Public Information Officer office of Principal Secretary, Transport Department, Chandigarh was received back as 'undelivered' through Diary No. 18474 dated 24.09.2019, a copy of the order was sent to Public Information Officer office of Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Deptt. Of Transport, Chandigarh through registered post with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant by registered post. Another opportunity was given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative.

The appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, is not present in today's hearing.

Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 35206-09 dated 13.12.2019 signed by Public Information Officer office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, showing, that a similar RTI request has been filed by the appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh in another case i. e. A. C. 2652 of 2019, which is fixed for hearing on 20.01.2020 before the Bench of the undersigned (Copy of the order is also appended) and the contents of the information sought for by the appellant through RTI request in A. C. 2652 of 2019 (copy of the RTI request is placed in the case-file) and the present RTI application, are the same.

After going through the documents placed on record and documents submitted by Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer, it is found that contents of the RTI request filed in A. C. 2652 of 2019 and the present RTI application(filed in the above-mentioned case), are the same.

In view of the above, A. C. 2652 of 2019 (which is fixed for hearing on 20.01.2020 before the Bench of the undersigned) be taken up and the above-mentioned case i. e. A. C. 2652 of 2019 is not required to be taken.

As no cognizance is required to be taken in this case due to above facts, hence, the instant appeal case is announced as <u>disposed of and closed</u>.

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....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2003 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Amardeep Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 16.10.2019 and another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post. An opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information.

The appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, is not present in today's hearing.

Sh. Amardeep Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter dated 22.11.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana, showing that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh. On that reply, the appellant has put his signatures on 13.12.2019 as an acknowledgement of having received the requisite information.

Since the information stands supplied, the case is <u>disposed of and closed</u>. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Jasbir Singh,

Village Bholapur Jhabewal,

P. O. – Ramgarh,

Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Secretary,

Regional Transport Authority,

Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The State Transport Commissioner,

Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2004 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Amardeep Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 16.10.2019 and an opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him. Another opportunity was also given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative.

Sh. Amardeep Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh through registered post.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 34 dated 06.05.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail dated 02.12.2019, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh through registered post. It, alongwith a copy of postal receipt, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, through a letter dated 15.12.2019 which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO as information given at point no. 01 is not as per query raised by him through RTI request. It is taken on record.

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Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per query raised by him at point no. 01 of the RTI request, through registered post before the next date of hearing and submit a copy of the postal receipt, (through which information would be sent to the Appellant) on the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 10th February, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
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Tejinder Singh, Advocate, R/o Village Bholapur, P.O. Ramgarh, Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana -141123(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Nawanshaher (Punjab) First Appellate Authority.

Date: 16th December, 2019

First Appellate Authority, O/o The regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Pb., Jalandha(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1998 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Ashok Kumar, Accountant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 16.10.2019 and an opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO. He was also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative.

Sh. Ashok Kumar, Accountant-cum-APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh vide letter no. 2209 dated 14.10.2019.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the reply Given vide letter no. 2209 dated 14.10.2019, is already placed in the case-file.

The appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, was absent on the hearing, held on 16.10.2019. He is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has neither pointed out any deficiency in the information supplied to him, to the respondent-PIO, nor approached the Commission with any contrary claim.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the appellant is satisfied with the information supplied to him and hence the case is <u>disposed of and closed.</u>

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V/s.

Jasbir Singh, R/o Village Bholapur Jhabewal, P.O. Ramgarh, Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Coordinator, Punjab Road Safety Council, Punjab, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Sector -17 C, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Coordinator, Punjab Road Safety Council, Punjab, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Sector -17 C, Chandigarh

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1999 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 16.10.2019 and an opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which has been supplied by respondent PIO) or not. He was also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative.

Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer, who appeared in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh vide letter no. 29720 dated 15.10.2019. The reply given vide letter no. 29720 dated 15.10.2019 is placed in the case-file.

The appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, through a letter dated 15.12.2019 which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far. It is taken on record.

After going through the queries raised by the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh through his RTI request and the response given by the respondent PIO concerned, it is found that complete information has been supplied by the respondent PIO to the appellant as per queries raised by him through his RTI request and the appellant has stated through a letter dated 15.12.2019 that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far, appears to be wrong. He has also not came to attend the hearing despite the fact that he was advised to represent his case in person or through his representative or the case would be decided on merits.

Since the information stands supplied in the instant appeal case, hence, the case is announced as **disposed of and closed**.

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Manjinder Singh,

2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector-125, Kharar, District Mohali (Punjab)1

...Appellant

... Respondents

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

Date: 16th December, 2019

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,

Sector – 17, Chandigarh

Appeal Case No. 2136 of 2019

Present: Sh. Manjinder Singh, the appellant in person.

Sh. Gurcharan Singh, Assistant Transport Officer, in person.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 16.10.2019 and another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant and an opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO.

The appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

Sh. Gurcharan Singh, Assistant Transport Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, requested the Bench of the undersigned that the appellant may visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record to identify the required information so that certified copies of the required information could be supplied to him.

Accordingly, the respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 02.01.2020 at 12:00 P. M. so that he could identify the required information. The appellant is also advised to avail the opportunity to inspect the relevant official record on 02.01.2020 at 12:00 P.M. to identify the information.

Both the parties mutually agreed to it during the hearing today.

The respondent-PIO concerned is directed to supply the information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him by the next date of hearing.

Sh. Gurcharan Singh, Assistant Transport Officer, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

The case is <u>adjourned to 5th February, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u> Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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V/s

Manjinder Singh, # 2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector-125, Kharar, District Mohali (Punjab)

...Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector – 17, Chandigarh

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2114 of 2019

Present: Sh. Manjinder Singh, the appellant in person.

Ms. Kuldeep Kaur, Data Entry Operator, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 16.10.2019 and the respondent-PIO

concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through his RTI request through registered post and an opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Ms. Kuldeep Kaur, Data Entry Operator, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 7898 dated 29.10.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Section Officer office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar, showing that a reply has been sent to the appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh through registered post. It, alongwith a copy of postal receipt, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the calculation done in the reply given vide letter no. 7898 dated 29.10.2019 is not accurate and needs to be corrected, moreover, whatever information has been given to him by the respondent PIO is incomplete.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on any day during working hours so that the appellant could identify the required information. The appellant is also advised to avail the opportunity to inspect the relevant official record on any day during working hours to identify the information.

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Both the parties mutually agreed to it during the hearing today.

The respondent-PIO concerned is directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him as per official record by the next date of hearing. He is also directed to re-submit a fresh reply in regard to reply, already given vide letter no. 7898 dated 29.10.2019, after doing the necessary corrections in the same.

The case is <u>adjourned to 5th February, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
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Manjinder Singh, # 2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector-125, Kharar,

District Mohali (Punjab)

... Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, **O/o** The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector – 17, Chandigarh

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2139 of 2019

Present: Sh. Manjinder Singh, the appellant in person.

Sh. Tirlochan Singh, Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur, in

person.

Date: 16th December, 2019

ORDER

This case was last heard on 16.10.2019 and an opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Sh. Tirlochan Singh, Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur, who appeared in person in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 1493 dated 14.12.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur, showing that in response to the deficiencies, pointed out by the appellant, a point-wise reply has already been given to him. He also hands over a copy of the same to the appellant during the hearing in the Commission today. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, through a letter dated 16.12.2019, has acknowledged that he has received the requisite information. It is taken on record.

Since the information stands supplied, the case is **disposed of and closed**Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Gurmukh Singh S/o Sh. Mahinder Singh, House No. 610, Sector-11, Preet Nagar, Kharar, Distt. Mohali (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer, O/o The Managing Director, Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, Head Office; Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/ o Managing Director,
Pepsu Road Transport Corporation,
Head Office; Patiala (Punjab)

Date: 16th December, 2019

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1968 of 2019

Present: Sh. Gurmukh Singh, the appellant in person.

Sh. Narender Kumar, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 16.10.2019 and another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post. An opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well.

Sh. Narender Kumar, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Gurmukh Singh.

The appellant, Sh. Gurmukh Singh, who appeared in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO as information given at point no. 01 is not as per query raised by him through RTI request.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per query raised by him at point no. 01 of the RTI request, through registered post before the next date of hearing and submit a copy of the postal receipt, (through which information would be sent to the Appellant) on the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 10th February, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
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... Appellant

Public Information Officer.

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,

Sector 17, Chandigarh

ii) Public Information Officer.

(Regd. Post) O/o The Secretary,

Regional Transport Authority,

Bathinda(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/ o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,

Sector 17, Chandigarh ... Respondents

V/s

Appeal Case No. 1991 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, appeared in person and none appeared

from office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda.

<u>ORDER</u>

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This case was last heard on 16.10.2019 and Sh. Gurpal Singh, APIO,

appeared for the respondent PIO and submitted a copy of reply vide letter no. 28965 dated 09.10.2019 signed by Public Information Officer office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, showing that the information sought for by the appellant through RTI request relates with office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda and accordingly the RTI request of the appellant was transferred to the said office under section 6(3) of the RTI Act vide letter no. 185516 dated 27.12.2018. Accordingly, PIO of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda was impleaded as necessary party in this case and the respondent-PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post within four weeks from that day. He was also directed to remain present in person or represent this case through his representative on the fixed date of hearing so that the facts of this case could be cleared. An opportunity was also given to the appellant point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The appellant, Sh. Ram Chand Bansal through a letter dated 11.12.2019, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 24044 dated 13.12.2019, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing. Through that letter, he has also intimated the Commission that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far. It is taken on record.

In today's hearing, Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, appeared in person from office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh.

But neither the respondent PIO of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 16.10.2019.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to

Public Information Officer concerned of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda, as to
why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI
applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post at his residential address before the next date of hearing and produce a copy of the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the appellant, before the Commission on the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is <u>adjourned to 5th February, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
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