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Shri Jasbir Singh, (98882-96107)

Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur Jhabewal,
P.O Ramgarh, Distt Ludhiana – 141123

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Principal Secretary,
Transport Department, Punjab,
Mini Sectt. Sector – 9, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Principal Secretary,
Transport Department, Punjab,
Mini Sectt. Sector – 9, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7544 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Jasbir Singh, (98882-96107)
Respondent: Ms. Sukhbir Kaur, PIO-cum-ATO (95012-99330) and
Shri Jaspal Singh, SA (98550-55499)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **28.08.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **29.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.11.2023** 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. **07.04.2026**.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant wherein the information sought by the appellant was denied as personal information and in the question form. Further, he submits his written submissions during the course of hearing, which is taken on record.
4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, it is observed that the information demanded by the appellant does not constitute personal or confidential information of any third party but is, in fact, a matter of public record. The law is meant to be accessible to all citizens, as it directly impacts their rights and responsibilities. In light of the above, the respondent's argument is overruled. The requested information does not fall within the ambit of Section 8(1)(j) or any other exemption under the RTI Act. Accordingly, the respondent is directed to provide the information to the applicant within the stipulated time frame as per the provisions of the Act.
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 03.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 07.04.2026

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
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Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o General Manager,
PEPSU Road Transport Corporation, Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Managing Director,
PEPSU Road Transport Corporation, Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7545 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Jasbir Singh, (98882-96107)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **21.08.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **29.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.11.2023** 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. **07.04.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has not received any reply / information from the respondent till date and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought for information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices of the Commission. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the PIO through registered post despite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that this is the first date of hearing before the undersigned hence taking a lenient view one opportunity is given to respondent PIO to provide the appellant point wise complete specific reply in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the reply provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

5. The respondent PIO O/o General Manager, PEPSU Road Transport Corporation, Fazilka, is directed to appear in person at 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 03.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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PEPSU Road Transport Corporation,
Abohar, Fazilka.

Encl: RTI application

First Appellate Authority

O/o Managing Director,
PEPSU Road Transport Corporation, Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7546 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Jasbir Singh, (98882-96107)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **21.08.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **29.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.11.2023** 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. **07.04.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has not received any reply / information from the respondent till date and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought for information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent is absent. The perusal of the case file shows that a letter has been received from the office of, Bus In Stand Incharge, PUNBUS, Fazilka, mentioning therein that the notice of hearing was wrongly delivered to his office instead of PEPSU Road Transport Corporation, Abohar, Fazilka, by the postal authorities and the same was returned to the Commission office.

4. Keeping in view of the above, a fresh notice be issued to the respondent PIO, office of, General Manager, PEPSU Road Transport Corporation, Abohar, Fazilka, along with RTI application of this present appeal case.

5. The respondent PIO is further directed to provide a written point wise reply to this RTI application along with duly attested copies of the information as available in the records, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. Failure to comply, will compel the Commission to initiate penalties as per the RTI Act, 2005.

6. The respondent PIO O/o General Manager, PEPSU Road Transport Corporation, Abohar, Fazilka, is directed to appear in person at 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.

7. **To come up on 03.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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