

Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia
Ward No.18, Street No.2, Kartar Nagar,
Amloh road, KHANNA-141401

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Sub Divisional Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage
Sub Divn.2, KHANNA (Ludhiana)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage
Circle, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1024 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Ramandeep Singh as the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 07.07.2021 has sought information regarding the inspection of work carried out & being carried out with a copy of layout map, estimates and bills posted in MB Books from 01.07.2020 relating to tender notification No.2019 DLG 24576 floated in 2018-19 – copy of drawing of duly certified samples of material – copy of test reports of samples drawn and tested by PWSSB through labs as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of SDE, Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Sub Div-2, Khanna. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 12.10.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case was earlier heard by Sh.Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner on 06.07.2022. The appellant claimed that the PIO had not supplied the information.

The respondent was absent, and Sh.Sukhpal Singh, SDO, telephonically sought adjournment. The PIO was directed to provide the information as per the RTI application.

The case has come up for **hearing today before this Bench** through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The appellant claims that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent is absent on 2nd consecutive hearing, nor has complied with the order of the Commission to provide the information. There has been an enormous delay of more than one year and four months in attending to the RTI application. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO to **show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time. He/she should file an affidavit in this regard.** If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such person(s) of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

The PIO is directed to provide the information to the appellant immediately and send a compliance report to the Commission.

To come up for further hearing on **27.02.2023 at 11.00** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

Chandigarh
Dated: 10.11.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner