



Dr. Harsimran Singh , S/o Sh Jaswinder Singh,  
R/o Ajit Ngar, Bullanwari,  
Landmard Shamshan Ghat, P.O Sadhu Ashram,  
Distt Hoshiarpur.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o SDM,  
Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o DC,  
Hoshiarpur.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1199 of 2022**

**PRESENT: Sh.Harsimran Singh as the Appellant**  
**Smt.Gurjinder Kaur, PIO for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 11.11.2021 has sought information on 04 points regarding any redemption that can be ordered without the proof of mortgage deed – any redemption can be made without the proof of mortgaged amount – if any partial redemption of property can be allowed – can redemption of the property mortgaged about 130 years ago be allowed without proof of successor etc as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of SDM Hoshiarpur. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 13.12.2021 after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 21.12.2021, which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Hoshiarpur. The appellant claims that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent present pleaded that since the information is in question form, it cannot be provided and a reply has been sent to the appellant on 13.12.2021. Thereafter, the appellant filed the first appeal with the First Appellate Authority which disposed of the appeal with the order that the information being in question form, it cannot be provided and the reply was again sent to the appellant on 25.01.2022.

The Commission, however, makes it clear that even though the information sought is in question form, if it exists in the record, it should be provided. This particular kind of information may exist in the form of rules, notings or government instructions on revenue matters.

The reply on which the First Appellate Authority has relied to pass its order is not in tandem with the information that has been sought.

I am marking this to the SDM, Hoshiarpur to look into the matter and reconcile the case.

To come up for further hearing on **19.12.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Hoshiarpur.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 04.10.2022**

Sd/-  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**