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Sh Chander Pratap, S/o Sh Swami Ji,
Ward nO-1, Kala Manj Kothi,
G.T Raod, Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Pr. Secy,
Deptt of Welfare of SC & BC,
Civil Secretariat-2, Sector-9, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Pr. SEcy,
Deptt of Welfare of SC & BC,
Civil Secretariat-2, Sector-9, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1200 of 2022 and 3369/2022

PRESENT: Sh.Chander Partak as the Appellant
Sh.Kamal Sharma, Suptd. and Sh.Rajwinder Singh, Sr.Assistant for the
Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 19.10.2021, has sought the name and designation of the officer/official who conducted the enquiry on the complaint dated 10.04.2021 alongwith action taken report – a copy of the reply of the concerned department on the basis of the evidence - the action taken if any against the concerned department responsible for not giving reply etc as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Principal Secretary, Department of Welfare of SC & BC Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 23.11.2021 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Hoshiarpur. The respondent present pleaded that the appellant had earlier filed a similar appeal case No.4664 of 2021 for seeking exactly the same information, which was disposed of by this Bench on 29.06.2022 with the following order:

“Having gone through the RTI application and hearing both the parties, the PIO is directed to give an appropriate point-wise reply on an affidavit to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

Further, it has been observed that the petitioner is in a quandary over the release of his pension and moving from pillar to post to get his due pension. I am marking this to the Managing Director, HOUSEFED Punjab to look into the matter and resolve it so that the petitioner is given his dues and live his retired life with dignity.”

As per the respondent, in compliance with the order of the Commission, the affidavit was provided to the appellant.

Since this case is of a similar nature which was decided earlier (order given above), I am marking this yet again to the Managing Director, HOUSEFED Punjab to look into the matter and resolve it so that the petitioner is given his dues and live his retired life with dignity. Continuous delay in sorting out this matter at the level of Housefed tantamount to harassment of the petitioner as his repeated filing of RTI applications on the same matter clearly indicates that the petitioner is in some sort of agony over his dues.

With the above observations, the case is **closed**. Further the appellant has also filed another appeal case No.3369 of 2022 for seeking exactly the same information. Since the public authority in both these cases is the same and the information sought is of similar nature, both these cases are clubbed together and the appeal case No.3369 of 2022 is also **closed**.

Chandigarh
Dated: 04.10.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

CC to :Managing Director,
HOUSEFED, Pb, Sector 34,
Chandigarh.