



Sh. Rajinder Singh, IPS,
Former DGP, Punjab,
R/o Green Wood Farms,
Sector 57, Opposite CASAESPANA,
Mohali.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary,
Department of Social Justice & Minority Affairs
SCO-6, Phase-1, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Principal Secretary,
Department of Social Justice & Minority Affairs
SCO-6, Phase-1, Mohali.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No.1209 of 2022

PRESENT: None for the complainant
Sh.Kamal Sharma, PIO and Mrs. Jasvir Kaur, Sr.Assistant for the
Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through RTI application dated 11.01.2022, has sought information on 08 points regarding appointment to the post of Chairman Punjab SC Commission on 06.01.2022 - a verified copy of the notice issued to members of the selection committee for holding the meeting of the selection committee – proceedings of committee of the selection committee – all file notes including noting and correspondence – dissenting note offered by the Principal Secretary mentioning the civil suit of defamation –legal advice obtained – detailed character antecedents reports and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Principal Secretary, Department of Social Justice & Minority Affairs, Pb Mohali. The complainant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 09.02.2022 (till the completion of final proceedings of the Committee, information cannot be provided), after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the first appellate authority on 22.02.2022, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 25.04.2022 before this bench. As per the appellant, the information was not provided.

The respondent present pleaded that the information was not provided since the proceedings were incomplete at the time of the filing of the RTI application (the file was pending with the concerned Minister for a decision). The respondent further informed that the file had just been received today (25.04.2022).

Since the sought information was now available and in the custody of the public authority from whom the information was sought, complete information as per the RTI application was to be provided within 15 days of receiving the order.

With the above order, the case was **disposed of**.

However, as per communication from the appellant vide letters dated 19.05.2022 and 14.06.2022, complete information was not supplied, and a fresh notice was issued with the direction to the PIO to appear in person on 19.10.2022 alongwith explanation on the matter.

The case has come up for **hearing today**. The respondent present informed that in compliance with the order of the Commission, the information has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 08.06.2022. The respondent has also submitted a copy of the information which has been taken on record.

The appellant is absent nor is represented.

Having gone through the RTI application and the copy of the information that has been submitted by the PIO, I find that the information provided is only partial as information has been provided only for first two points.

The PIO is directed to bring the complete file regarding this case in the Commission for inspection of the appellant on the next date of hearing.

The appellant to ensure his presence at the next date of hearing personally or through a representative.

To come up for further hearing on **06.12.2022** at 11.00 AM.

Chandigarh
Dated: 19.10.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner