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Sh Trilochan Singh, # 848-A, M.I.G Flat, Jamalpur Colony, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

Cum- District Health Officer O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,** O/o Food & Drugs Administrator, Kharar.

...Respondent

# Appeal Case No. 1245 of 2021

## PRESENT: None for the Appellant Dr.Gurpreet Singh, DHO None for the Respondent

### ORDER:

The case first came up for hearing 29.07.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Both the parties were absent.

The Commission received a letter on 21.06.2021 from the Appellate Authority cum District Health Officer O/o Civil Surgeon Ludhiana stating that the information has already been provided to the appellant by Food Safety Officer vide letter dated 22.02.2021.

The appellant vide email informed that the information is incomplete.

On the date of the hearing on **10.11.2021**, both the parties were absent.

The PIO was issued a **show-cause notice under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 and directed to file a reply on an affidavit.** The PIO was again directed to provide complete information to the appellant within 10 days of the receipt of the order.

**On the date of** hearing on 21.03.2022, both the parties were absent. The PIO had also not filed a reply to the show-cause notice. The PIO was given one last opportunity to file a reply to the show-cause notice otherwise it will be presumed that the PIO has nothing to say on the matter and the Commission will take penal action against the PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act.

**On the date of last hearing on 09.08.2022**, both the parties were absent.. However, the PIO vide letter dated received in the Commission on 18.07.2022, informed that information has been provided to the appellant on 15.07.2022.

Since the District Health Officer-cum-PIO O/o the Civil Surgeon Ludhiana was flouting the spirit of the RTI Act continuously and not appearing before the commission despite various orders, to secure the presence of the PIO before the commission, a bailable Warrant of the District Health Officer-cum-PIO O/o the Civil Surgeon Ludhiana was issued u/s 18(3) of the RTI Act through Senior Superintendent of Police, Ludhiana for his presence before the Commission on **05.12.2022**.

### Hearing dated 05.12.2022:

**Dr.Gurpreet Singh, DHO is present and** informed he has just joined and as per record, the information has already been supplied to the appellant by the earlier PIO.

The appellant is continuously absent on the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive hearing nor is represented.

The case is **disposed of and closed** for non-pursuance of the case by the appellant.

Chandigarh Dated: 05.12.2022 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner