



Sh Ranjit Singh, S/o Sh Karam Singh,
VPO Chanouli, Tehsil Anandpur Sahib,
Distt Ropar.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Punjab State Social Welfare Board,
Sector-35-A, Shop no.16, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O O/o Punjab State Social Welfare Board,
Sector-35-A, Shop no.16, Chandigarh

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1557 of 2022

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 24.08.2021 has sought information regarding details of deduction of house rent allowance alongwith the relevant rules on the basis of which the deduction was made as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Punjab State Social Welfare Board. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 11.10.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today. Both the parties are absent.

There is nothing on record which shows that the RTI application has been attended to. There has been an enormous delay of more than one year 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.

To come up for further hearing on **29.11.2022** at 11.00 AM at Chandigarh.

Chandigarh
Dated: 11.10.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner