



Sh. Bhajan Singh,
S/o Sh. Ujjagar Singh,
R/o House No. B-3-153, Mohallasaida,
GhatiRamdasia, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant/Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana.

.....Respondent

Public Information Officer
O/o Station House officer,
Police station Div. no. - 4
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 913 of 2022

RTI application filed on	:	27-07-2021
PIO replied on	:	-
First appeal filed on	:	06-10-2021
First Appellate Authority order	:	14-10-2021

Present: Appellant: Sh. Bhajan Singh
Respondent: Sh. Surinder Kumar (ASI) 7837300681

ORDER (Fourth hearing):

1. This order may be read with reference of previous order of the Commission dated 30.08.2022.
2. **Facts:** The appellant vide RTI application dated 27.07.2021 sought information regarding copies of the orders and correspondences relating to the letter issued to the Commissioner, Police Ludhiana by the President and the Prime Minister. The PIO replied on 28.09.2016. Aggrieved with the non-supply of the desired information from the respondent authority, the appellant filed a second appeal under the provision of Section 19 of the RTI Act before the state Information Commission on 18.02.2022.
3. Grounds for Second Appeal The PIO did not provide the desired information.
4. During the hearing, the respondent PIO submitted that they had provided the requisite reply vide their letter reference no. CR 2098804 dated 30.01.2022. The reply furnished to the appellant is just and proper and hence the case might be dismissed. The appellant submitted that he was not satisfied with the reply received from the respondent.



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He further prayed to the Commission to direct the Respondent to supply the desired information as sought in the RTI application and to impose penalty upon the Respondents as also to grant compensation towards harassment caused to him due to Respondents.

5. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored and set aside without application of mind which reflects disrespect towards the RTI ACT, 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the respondent in responding to the RTI application. It was felt that the conduct of respondent was against the spirit of the RTI ACT, 2005 which was enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information.
6. Meanwhile, in view of the harassment and detriment caused to the appellant, Sh. Bhajan Singh, this Commission deems it appropriate to award a compensation of Rupees Ten Thousand (Rs. 10000.00). This is to be paid by the Public Authority, in this instance, the Police Commissioner Ludhiana, District Ludhiana, within 15 days of receiving this order.
7. Keeping in view the facts of the case and the submissions made by both the parties, the Commission while expressing its deep displeasure over the casual manner in dealing with the current RTI application, directs the, Commissioner police Ludhiana to appoint a responsible officer of an appropriate seniority to examine the RTI application and furnish a clear, cogent and precise reply to the Appellant as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.
6. To come up on 23.01.2023 through **personal hearing at 11:30 am in PSIC Chandigarh.**

Chandigarh
19.10.2022

Sd/-
(Maninder Singh Patti)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab