



Sh. Navjot Kamboj, (9814000324)

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Versus

.....Appellant/Complainant

Public Information Officer

O/o Secretary, (B&R), Civil Secretariat, Punjab,
Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary, (B&R), Civil Secretariat, Punjab,
Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No.1878 of 2022

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| Date of RTI Application | Date of Reply, if any of SPIO | Date of First Appeal made, if any | Date of Order / Reply, if any of FAA | Date of Appeal/Complaint filed in the Commission |
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| 01.04.2021 | - | 06.10.2021 | - | 19.04.2022 |

Present: Appellant: Jashanpreet Kamboj on behalf of Sh. Navjot Kamboj
Respondent: Absent

ORDER (Second hearing):

1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the Commission dated 20.09.2022.
2. Appellant, Jashanpreet Kamboj stated that no information has been provided to him till date.
3. The PIO is absent for second time without any prior intimation to the Commission.
4. In view of the harassment and detriment caused to the appellant, Sh. Navjot Kamboj, this Commission deems it appropriate to award a compensation of Rupees five Thousand (Rs. 5000.00). This is to be paid by the Public Authority, in this instance, the O/o Secretary, (B&R), Civil Secretariat, Punjab, within 15 days of receiving this order.
5. Thus, the Commission draws the inference that the PIO, without any reasonable cause, has malafidly delayed the information and thus, has rendered himself liable for punishment as provided under the RTI Act, 2005. He was given a number of opportunities to provide the information to the Appellant but he is delaying the matter on one pretext or the other. In these circumstances, the PIO O/o Secretary, (B&R), Civil Secretariat, Punjab is held guilty of default on the above score.

The facts of this case also prove beyond any doubt that the respondent PIO concerned does not deserve any kind of leniency. Hence, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, a penalty to the tune of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) is imposed upon him to be deducted from his salary, which is to be deposited in the State Treasury under the relevant head.

The Drawing and Disbursing Officer O/o Secretary, (B&R), Civil Secretariat, Punjab is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 10000/- from the salary of the PIO O/o Secretary, (B&R), Civil Secretariat, Punjab and deposit the same in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission: -

0070 – Other Administrative Services

60 – Other Services

0800 – Other Receipts

86 – Fee under the RTI Act, 2005

This Commission offers the respondent PIO one final opportunity to furnish the information sought by the appellant, and demonstrate compliance with the Order imposing penalty on. Failing this, this Commission will be compelled to enforce his/her appearance in Court by issuing a Warrant.

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**