



Sh Sandeep Kumar, S/o Sh Om Parkash,  
R/o Street NO-2, near Shanti Dev Mandir,  
Patel Nagar, Malout, Distt Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

...Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o District Food Supply &  
Consumer Affairs,  
Pathankot.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o District Food Supply &  
Consumer Affairs,  
Pathankot.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1910 of 2021**

**PRESENT: None for the Appellant**  
**Sh. Ashok Kumar, Inspector and Sh.Sukhjinder Singh-then PIO for the**  
**Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 22.12.2020, has sought information on seven points regarding the subsidised PDS Kerosene oil distributed during the 550<sup>th</sup> Parkash Purab of Guru Nanak Dev from 01.01.2019 to 09.12.2020 as per letter memo No.2S(78)/2019/1198 dated 04.10.2019 of Principal Secretary, Pb Department – List of dealers who lifted the oil along with the quantity of oil lifted and utilisation certificate received – allotment letter of oil –details of oil lifted by dealers from IPCL/HPCL/BPCL of Food Supply and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of DFSC Pathankot. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 27.01.2021 which did not decide on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 06.10.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Sri Mukatsar Sahib/Pathankot. As per the appellant, the information was not provided by the PIO.

The respondent was absent nor represented.

**Show cause was issued to PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period. The PIO was directed to file reply on an affidavit.** The PIO was again directed to provide information to the complainant within 15 days of the receipt of the order.

**On the date of the hearing on 13.07.2022,** the appellant claimed that information has not been supplied by the PIO.

The PIO was absent nor represented.

The Commission was of the view that since the appellant has had to suffer undue inconvenience in getting the information, it is a fit case for awarding compensation to the appellant u/s 19(8)(b) of the RTI Act. Hence, the current PIO-DFSC, Pathankot, was directed to pay an amount of **Rs.5000/-** via demand draft as compensation to the appellant for the loss and detriment suffered by him on having to file the appeals and not getting information on time and submit evidence for having made the payment of compensation amount to the appellant.

Further, it was observed that Shri Sukhjinder Singh, DFSC-cum-PIO Pathankot (07.11.2019 to 05.04.2021) was the PIO when the RTI was filed (22.12.2020), and there was prima facie evidence that the application was not attended to as per the RTI Act. One last opportunity was given to Shri Sukhjinder Singh, the then DFSC-cum-PIO now posted at Gurdaspur, to submit a reply to show cause notice before the next date of hearing.

The current PIO was directed to provide the sought information within a week.

**Hearing dated 21.11.2022:**

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Sri Mukatsar Sahib/Pathankot. The respondent present pleaded that the information has already been provided to the appellant, and the compensation amount has also been paid to the appellant vide demand draft dated 16.08.2022 with a copy to the Commission.

The appellant is absent and, vide letter dated 25.08.2022, has informed that he has received the compensation amount by way of a demand draft.

Sh. Sukhjinder Singh has also sent a reply to the show cause notice, which has been taken on record.

Since the information has been provided and the compensation has been paid, no further interference from the Commission is required. The case is **disposed of and closed**.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 21.11.2022**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

**Cc by regd. post to :**

**Shri Sukhjinder Singh,**  
**Distt. Food Supply &**  
**Consumer Affairs,**  
**GURDASPUR.**