

Shri Surjit Singh,
Village Aujla Dhak,
Post Office Liddar Kalan,
District Jalandhar.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Xen, Water Supply & Sanitation
Division No.1, Abohar,

First Appellate Authority
O/o Superintending Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply & Sanitation
Division, Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2038 of 2022

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Kuldeep Kumar, Clerk for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 20.01.2022 has sought information regarding copy of cash book from 01.01.2022 to 31.01.2022 as well as copy of paid vouchers as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Xen, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No.1, Abohar. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 01.03.2022 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Jalandhar/Fazilka. The respondent present pleaded that the information is ready and is being signed by the PIO. The respondent assured to send the information to the appellant within a week.

The appellant is absent nor is represented.

There has been an enormous delay of more than nine months in attending to the RTI application. As per respondent, Sh.Amritbir, Xen is the PIO. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs Sh.Amritbir Singh, Xen-cum- 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.

The PIO is again directed to send the information to the appellant immediately under intimation to the Commission.

To come up for further hearing on **27.02.2023** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar. The PIO to appear through VC at DAC Fazilka.

Chandigarh
Dated: 10.11.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner