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Sh. Lukesh Garg S/o Sh. Baldev Raj Garg, #16948-A, Street No.3/B, Aggarwal Colony, Bathinda-151001

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Food & Drug Administration, Punjab Health System Corporation, PSEB Building, E-Block, 02nd & 03rd Floor, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Food & Drug Administration, Punjab Health System Corporation, PSEB Building, E-Block, 02nd & 03rd Floor, Phase 8, Mohali.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2047 of 2022

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Ramandeep Gupta, Drug Inspector Bathinda for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 18.10.2021 has sought information on 06 points regarding various roles and responsibilities laid down by the competent authority for the working of different authorities through an order dated 24.04.2021 issued by the Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration Mohali – the copies of format to store data by district nodal officers for monitoring sale/purchase of Remdesivir – a copy of the process laid down by the district nodal Officers to procure Remdesivir by Chemist Shop owners as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Food & Drug Administration c/o Punjab Health System Corporation Mohali. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 03.01.2022 after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 19.02.2022, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Bathinda. The respondent present from the office of Zonal Licensing Authority(Drugs) Bathinda pleaded that the information relating to their office (Drug & Administration) has already been provided to the appellant.

The Commission has also received a letter dated 12.09.2022 from the office of National Health Mission, Punjab, stating;

That Food and Drug Administration and Punjab Health System Corporation are two different departments having separate Appellate Authorities and Public Information Officer. Moreover, information sought by applicant does not relate to Punjab Health System Corporation.

That the information demanded by applicant may pertains to (i) Department of Health & Family Welfare (ii) National Health Mission and Food & Drug Administration and they have already forwarded a copy of the same to these departments.

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The appellant is absent and vide email has informed that the information provided by the PIO is incomplete. The appellant has requested for hearing through webex which is denied. One more opportunity is given to the appellant and directed to appear through video conferencing facility as provided by the Commission in case the appellant wants to pursue this case.

The PIO-Food & Drug Administration and PIO-Director Health & Family Welfare are directed to provide information to the appellant concerning them.

To come up for further hearing on **12.12.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda. The PIO-Food &Drug Administration and PIO-Health & Family Welfare to appear at Chandigarh.

Chandigarh Dated: 01.11.2022 (Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

CC to 1. Food and Drug Administration, Kharar

2. Director, Health and Family Welfare, Pb Sector 34, Chandigarh.