

Smt. Sarabjit, ANM W/o Sh.Happi Rai
#1586, Bajri Company,
Saini Mohalla, Pathankot.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Senior Medical Officer,
CHC Sujampur, Distt. Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Civil Surgeon,
Pathankot.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2060 of 2022

PRESENT: Smt.Sarabjit, ANM for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 07.08.2021, has sought information regarding copies of complaints pending against the appellant as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of SMO-CHC Sujampur, District Pathankot. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 14.09.2021, which did not decide on the appeal. After filing of the first appeal, the PIO sent a reply on 16.12.2021 to which the appellant was not satisfied and filed 2nd appeal in the Commission.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Pathankot. The appellant claims that the PIO has not supplied the information as per the RTI application.

The respondent is absent nor is represented.

Having gone through the RTI application and the reply of the PIO dated 16.12.2021, the Commission observes that the appellant has asked for the copies of complaint against the appellant whereas what has been sent is way off the mark from RTI application. There appears to be prima-facie evidence of denial of information by providing wrong information.

Further, there has been a delay of more than four months in attending to the RTI application and the reply that has been sent is misleading.

The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO to **show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the correct 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 directed to send the correct information to the appellant immediately and send a compliance report to the Commission.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **17.01.2022** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot.

Sd/-

Chandigarh
Dated: 01.11.2022

(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner