



Sh. Sher Singh S/o Sh. Harjit Singh
1305, Sector 18-C,
Chandigarh-160018

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Managing Director,
Punjab State Civil Supplies
Corporation Limited,
Sector 34-A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Managing Director,
Punjab State Civil Supplies
Corporation Limited,
Sector 34-A, Chandigarh

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2381 of 2022

PRESENT: Shri Sher Singh, the Appellant
Shri Anup Chander Sharma, PIO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 04.09.2020 has sought a copy of the main file procurement & Storage branch along with all noting 50 pages of first chief crop in year 2011-12 relating to Baba Khazan Das Agro Industries, district Ludhiana, from the O/o MD, Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. The appellant filed first appeal with the first appellate authority on 31.01.2021 which took no decision. The appellant filed second appeal in the Commission on 12.05.2022 under section 19 of the RTI 2005.

The case last came up for hearing on 20.07.2022. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent pleaded that the requisite information was being traced and the same will be supplied shortly. The respondent further requested to adjourn the case to a short date.

The appellant agreed to the plea of the respondent. The PIO was directed to supply complete certified information to the appellant within 15 days of the receipt of this order.

Hearing dated 04.10.2022:

The appellant claims that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent pleaded that due to some reservations by the department in parting with the information, the information has not been provided.

The order to provide the information has already been passed by this bench on 20.07.2022 and the PIO's reluctance to part with the information even after orders have been passed to provide the information is prima-facie evidence of PUNSUP trying to defy the orders of the commission and thus stonewalling the information.

The Commission has taken a serious view of this commission 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 information within the statutorily prescribed period of time and for not complying the order of the Commission. 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 provide information to the appellant within ten days of the receipt of the order and send a compliance report to the Commission.

To come up for further hearing on **23.11.2022** at **11.00 AM** in Commission's office at Chandigarh.

Chandigarh
Dated: 04.10.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner