



Shri Manjit Singh S/o Shri Jagir Singh,
R/o V.P.O. Kami Kalan, Tehsil Ghanour,
District Patiala-140702

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o O/o XEN, Provincial Division,
Public Works Department (B & R),
Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Construction Circle,
Public Works Department (B & R),
Punjab, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3049 OF 2022

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Appeal/Complaint filed in the Commission
19-11-2021	-	11-04-2022	-	29-06-2022

Present: Appellant: Sh. Bhagwati Prashad Sareen on behalf of applicant, (9876540003)
Respondent: Advocate Atul Goyal (9876540003), along with Sh. Raman Goyal (SDO)

ORDER (Third Hearing):

1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the Commission dated 16.11.2022 vide which the commission observed that the information sought by the applicant was vague appellant was directed to visit respondent's office for record inspection. (Due to some reason all the cases of hearing date 13.03.2023 were adjourned to 15.03.2023.)

OBSERVATIONS:

2. Both the parties are present in today's hearing. The appellant has sought certain information from PIO PWD B & R, Pb. of the period pertaining to Er. Param Jyoti Arora, the then XEN now Chief Eng. (Horticulture). Appellant's representative Sh. Bhagwati Prashad Sareen stated with the compliance of the previous order of the commission he visited the office of PIO for record inspection but none of the record was made available to him for inspection. Respondent's representative Advocate Atul Goyal on this contended that because the appellant did not pre inform about his visit on 24.02.2022, the compilation of the records took time and the officials could not provide the record to the appellant on the said day. However he was orally requested to come on some other day with prior information so that information could be supplied to him without fail.

DECISION:

3. Having heard both the parties and on perusal of the available records, the Commission at the outset notes that as per the submissions made by the respondent authority, Sh. Param Jyoti Arora has served at the said post from 27.07.2011 to 12.02.2018 i.e. approximately 7 years and approx. 2033 tenders were advertised. However the information sought by the appellant is voluminous and bulky

the respondent PIO has made 16 months delay in releasing information, the lack of adequate reasoning in the reply of the Public Information Officer and the Appellate Authority. In view of this a last and final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to furnish the requisite information with 60 days from the issue of this order, without fail. **The respondent PIO is directed to intimate for** additional fees within 10 days, which are liable to be paid by the appellant, inform him how much he has to pay, how the amount was calculated and how he has to remit the amount. Do not simply say information will be supplied on payment of requisite fees.

The appellant is directed to deposit the documentation fee within 10 days from receiving the letter from the respondent regarding documentation fee, followed to which only the requisite information will be provided to him, failing which no further opportunity will be provided to him.

The applicant is also at liberty to visit O/o PIO PWD B & R, Pb. for inspection of the relevant available records at a mutually convenient date and time and the respondent PIO is bound to make available the record for inspection and whatever documents will be identified, the copies of the same will be provided by the respondents after depositing the documentation fee from the appellant, under intimation to the commission.

Another opportunity is given to both the parties to present the case on next date of hearing positively, failing to which the case would be decided on merit basis.

4. To come up on 05.07.2023 through **personal hearing at PSIC Chandigarh, 11:30 am.**

Sd/-

Chandigarh
15.03.2023

(Maninder Singh Patti)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab