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Shri Ravinder Kumar, S/o Shri Shivnath
Ward No.1, Basoli Road, Kakar Colony,
Una Himachal Pradesh.



.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o E.O,
Nagar Panchayat, Mahilpur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o ADC(UD),
Hoshiarpur.

....Respondents

AC No. 417 of 2023

**Present: i) Sh.Ravinder Kumar - in person
ii) Shri Sheesh Pal, Junior Assistant and Sh.Surjit Kumjar, Clerk O/o EO-Nagar
Panchayat Mahilpur – in person.**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 30.07.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 10.11.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 06.01.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The case has been heard today. As per respondents, the information/reply has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 02.01.2023 & 16.03.2023 and a copy of the same has been sent to the Commission also.

3. As per appellant, the information has been provided with a delay of more than one year and eight months.

4. Having gone through the record, the Commission observes that the RTI application was filed on 30.07.2021 whereas the information has been provided on 16.03.2023 with a delay of more than one year and eight months. Since there has been an enormous delay in providing the information and the appellant has had to suffer undue inconvenience to get the information, it is a fit case for awarding compensation to the appellant u/s 19(8)(b) of the RTI Act. Hence the PIO- Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Mahilpur is directed to pay an amount of Rs.10000/- via demand draft through Govt. Treasury as compensation to the appellant for the loss and detriment suffered by him of having to file the appeals and not getting information in time. The PIO is directed to duly inform the commission of the compliance of the order and submit proof of having compensated the appellant within 21 days.

4. With the above order, the case is **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties. The case file be sent to the Deputy Registrar, PSIC to ensure compliance of the direction of the Bench i.e. payment of compensation to the appellant by the PIO.

Sd/-

**Chandigarh
21.03.2023**

**(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

Copy to : Deputy Registrar, PSIC for follow up, to ensure compliance of the direction of the Bench.