



Sh. Vikram Vaid, (9855032897)
R/o # 1527, Gali No. 2,
Bagh Ramanand, Amritsar.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI (Colleges), Punjab,
S.A.S Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority
O/o DPI (Colleges), Punjab,
S.A.S Nagar (Mohali).

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4226 OF 2021

PRESENT: Sh. Vikram Vaid as the appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 05.03.2021 has sought details of the number of posts of senior Assistants in grant-in-aid colleges sanctioned by the DPI(c)- list of grant-in-aid colleges from 2008 along with numbers and names – list of grant in aid colleges where the junior and senior assistants, Jr.Lab Assistant/lab assistants are promoted and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of the DPI(Colleges) Punjab. The appellant filed the first appeal with the First Appellate Authority on 28.06.2021 which, took no decision to supply the information after which the appellant filed the second appeal in Commission.

The case first came up for hearing on 01.12.2021 through cisco Webex in the bench of Shri Hem Inder Singh, State Information Commissioner Punjab who has demitted his office on 22.12.2022. The case was reallocated to the bench of the undersigned.

The case last came up for hearing before this bench on 26.07.2022. both parties were absent. The case was adjourned.

The PIO was directed to supply the information to the appellant within 30 days.

Hearing dated 23.11.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar.

The respondent states that no information has been provided by the PIO even after the order passed by the Commission on 26.7.2022.. He has sent an email to the Commission, which is taken on record.

The respondent is absent on 3rd consecutive hearing nor has complied with the order of the Commission to provide the information. There has been an enormous delay of more than one year and eight months in attending to the RTI application. 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 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.

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The PIO is again directed to provide information to the appellant immediately and send a compliance report to the Commission.

The case is adjourned and to come up for further hearing on **06.02.2023 at 11.00AM** through video conferencing at DC Office, Amritsar. The respondent-PIO is directed to appear for a hearing at Chandigarh.

Chandigarh
Dated: 23.11.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner