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Smt Amandeep Kaur, H No-39/3, Shaheed Baba Deep Singh Nagar, Jalandhar.

... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare, Pb, Sector-34-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare, Pb, Sector-34-A, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4750 of 2021

Versus

PRESENT: Mr. Navdeep Anmol, for the complainant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 15.01.2021, has sought information regarding action taken on her complaint and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Chief Secretary Govt of Punjab, Civil Secretariat Chandigarh which transferred the same to Principal Secretary Health and Family Welfare Pb vide letter dated 05.02.2021 under section 6(3) of the RTI Act. The Principal Secretary of Health and Family Welfare further transferred the RTi application to Director Health and Family Welfare, Pb vide letter dated 01.03.2021. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 15.04.2021which did not decide on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 16.05.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Jalandhar. As per the appellant, the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent was absent nor was represented. The Commission received a letter from the Suptd.cum-PIO O/o Director Health (E-3 Branch) stating that the information sought by the appellant relates to Dr.Bagga (Retd as Civil Surgeon, SBS Nagar who had joined duty in the year 1984 and since the information sought by the appellant is 36 years old, it cannot be provided under section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act.

As per the appellant, she had sought only action taken on her complaint alongwith the relevant noting/correspondence.

Having gone through the file, the Commission observed that there is no copy of the RTI application (dated 15.01.2021) and the First appeal dated (15.04.2021) in the file of this case. The appellant was directed to send a copy of the RTI application and a copy/decision of the first appeal dated 15.04.2021 to the Commission.

On the date of the last hearing on **26.07.2022**, the representative of the appellant informed that a copy of the RTI application has been sent to the Commission.

The respondent present brought a letter dated 25.07.2022 stating therein that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide their letter dated 15.03.2019 and 21.05.2019 and has further stated that inquiry against Dr. Ajai Bagga could not be completed due to transfer or superannuation of the enquiry officers from time to time. The letter was taken on record.

Hearing both the parties, the representative of the appellant was directed to provide copy of the RTI application since this case cannot be adjudicated without the RTI application, which is missing in the file and it has been brought to the notice of the appellant twice.

Hearing dated 30.11.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Jalandhar. The appellant has a copy of the RTI application and a copy of the First appeal which has been taken on record.

The respondent is absent. The case is adjourned.

To come up for further hearing on **28.02.2023** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar. The PIO to appear at Chandigarh.

Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commission

Chandigarh Dated: 30.11.2022