



Sh Jasbir Singh,
Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bolapur Jhabewal,
P.O Ramgarh, Distt Ludhiana

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner,
Food & Drugs Administration,
Kharar, Distt MOhali.

First Appellate authority,
O/o Commissioner,
Food & Drugs Administration,
Kharar, Distt MOhali.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 5012 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Jasbir Singh as the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 12.08.2021, has sought information on 11 points relating to the joining date of Sh.Satnam Singh, Food Safety Officer, Amritsar- his first posting – documents attached with the application for recruitment – higher education if any, obtained by the officer after joining duty – a copy of the order/rule under which the officer was promoted –date of retirement with total salary –details of govt facilities and allowances provided - posting details after joining – complaints received against him and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Department of Social Security Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 13.09.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 06.06.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The appellant was present at Chandigarh and informed that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent was absent. There was nothing on record which shows that the PIO has attended to the RTI application. There has been an enormous delay of more than nine months in attending to the RTI application. The Commission directed 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.** The PIO is again directed to provide whatever information is available in the record to the appellant within 10 days of the receipt of the order as per the RTI application.

Hearing dated 03.10.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The appellant claims that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent is absent on 2nd consecutive hearing nor is represented as well as not filed a reply to the show cause notice.

The PIO is given one last opportunity to file a reply to the show cause notice and appear before the Commission personally on the next date of hearing otherwise, it will be presumed that the PIO has nothing to say on the matter and the Commission will take decision ex-parte. The PIO is directed to send the details of PIOs from the date of filing of the RTI application (Name of PIO – Period of stay – present posting).

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **19.12.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The PIO to appear at Chandigarh.

Chandigarh
Dated: 03.10.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner