



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

... Appellant

Versus

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

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

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 5014 of 2021**

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

**ORDER:**

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 05.08.2021, has sought information on posts of food safety officers or food inspectors from the year 2010 – details of persons recruited and posts vacant – number of food safety officers working in districts of Punjab – posting detail of foods safety officer district-wise – complaints received against them and pending for enquiry and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Director Health and Family Welfare, Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 06.09.2021, 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 had not supplied the information.

The respondent was absent. There was nothing on record which showed that the RTI application had been attended to by the PIO. 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 was 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**