



Sh. Mohanjit,
Landmorgage Wali Gali,
Dera Baba Nanak, Gurdaspur.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Manager,
Punjab Agro, Pathankot Road,
Opp Milling Chilling Centre Verka,
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Secretary,
6th Floor, Pb Civil Secretariat-1,
Sector-1, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 5110 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh. Mohanjit, the Appellant
Sh.Inderpreet Singh, Sr.District Manager for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 18.01.2021 has sought information regarding the detail of wheat purchased from Jan.2000 – detail of wheat issued – year-wise sale – remaining stock of the wheat – a copy of the agreement executed with millers and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of District Manager, Punjab Agro Gurdaspur. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 17.04.2021 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 24.05.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Gurdaspur. The respondent present pleaded that they did not receive any notice from the Commission.

The appellant was absent and nor was represented.

Not receiving a notice from the commission is no ground not to provide information since the PIO is already in possession of the RTI application and the application should have been handled as per the provisions of the RTI Act. The PIO was given one more opportunity to provide information to the appellant as per the RTI Act with a copy to the Commission. The information be provided within 15 days of the receipt of the order.

Hearing dated 10.10.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Gurdaspur. As per the appellant, the PIO has not provided the information.

Shri Inderpreet Singh, Sr. District Manager-cum-PIO pleaded that the information of about 5067 pages is ready and the same has not been supplied as the appellant has not deposited the requisite fee.

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There is no record available in the file which confirms that the respondent raised the fee in the stipulated period. The Commission directs the respondent to provide certified information to the appellant immediately.

The commission has received an email confirming the same.

Since the information stands provided, the case is **disposed of and closed.**

Chandigarh
Dated: 10.10.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner