



Sh. Amritpal Singh, S/o Late Dr. Amarjit Singh,
H No-1034, Street NO-14, Field Ganj,
Opp Guru Teg Bahadur Gurudwara Sahib,
Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deptt of Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs,
District Administration, Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana.

First Appellate authority,
O/o Deptt of Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs,
District Administration, Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 5256 of 2021

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

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 31.05.2021 has sought information on 11 points regarding designated ration depots and fair price shops under the ward no.63 in the area of council Luxmi Devi – complete list of ration depot with their ID number, owner name and address – number of ration cards allocated to each ration depot – quantity of items supplied from 01.01.2019 to 31.05.2019 – physical inspection reports – list of old and new cardholders entitled or ration as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Deptt of Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the first appellate authority on 07.07.2021 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case was first heard on 18.05.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. As per the appellant, the PIO did not provide the information.

The respondent was absent.

Having gone through the RTI application, the Commission observed that parts of point-3 contain personal information, which cannot be provided and points-7, 8 & 9 are in a query form and do not qualify as information under section 2(f) of the RTI Act. The PIO was directed to provide only the total number of ration cards relating to point-3. The PIO was also directed to provide information on the remaining points(1,4,5,6,10,11).

Hearing dated 10.10.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. As per the appellant the PIO has not provided the information in compliance with the previous order of the Commission.

The PIO is absent on 2nd consecutive hearing and nor is represented. There has been an enormous delay of **16 months**, the PIO has not supplied the information. The Commission has taken serious view of this and 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 statutorily period of time. The PIO 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.

The case is adjourned. To come up for compliance on **30.01.2023** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

Chandigarh
Dated: 10.10.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner