



Sh. Ajit Singh Talwandi(8968902044)

Village Nikku Chak,
PO Hajipur, Tehsil Mukerian,
Distt. Hoshiarpur 144221.

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer

O/o BDPO, Block Hajipur,
Distt. Hoshiarpur

First Appellate Authority

O/o BDPO, Block Hajipur,
Distt. Hoshiarpur

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 542 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

(i) Appellant - absent.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Vikram (BDPO, Hajipur) (M: 9417926407) along with
Sh. Rajinder Kumar, Panchayat Secy (987259721) in person at PSIC Office.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.02.2023 vide which respondent, Sh. Vikram stated that appellant had not visited the respondent's office on the fixed date and time as per previous order of the Commission. He added that department tried to contact the appellant many times but no response from him. He submitted a copy of requisite information (06 pages) vide letter no. 512 dated 21.02.2023, which was taken on record.

Copy of submitted information (06 pages) was sent to the appellant in original along with this order through registered post for his ready reference. A copy of the same was taken on record.

If there is any discrepancy in the supplied information, appellant was advised to visit the respondent's office on 21.03.2023 at 11:00 AM and respondent PIO was also directed to remove discrepancy as per RTI application, if any, in the supplied information on the appellant's visit, so that case could be decided on the next date of hearing. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 05.04.2023 at Punjab State Information Commission i.e. today.

2. In today's hearing, respondent, Sh. Vikram along with Sh. Rajinder Kumar are present in the office of Punjab State Information Commission along with original record. Sh. Vikram states that appellant has not visited the respondent's office on the fixed date and time and no discrepancy is received from him till today after previous order of the Commission dated 21.02.2023.

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3. Appellant is absent consecutively second time without any intimation to the Commission.
4. After hearing the respondent and examining the case file, it is observed that previous orders passed by the Commission 21.02.2023 that was sent to the appellant along with requisite information (06 pages), returned to the Commission vide diary no. 5393 dated 27.02.2023 with remarks 'refused', this is also taken on record.
5. I am of the considered view that after giving various opportunities to the appellant, he is neither cooperating nor presenting the case on the fixed date and time. He most of the times, refused to collect the information from the department/via post/by hand as per the case file, so respondent PIO was called here on the previous hearing held on 21.02.2023 and information was sent to him by the Commission along with copy of order of the Commission dated 21.02.2023 but he denied to accept even registry of the Commission, which means he is only harassing the public authority and does not required information anymore. RTI Act, 2005 came into existence to promote transparency and accountability not to harass public but here in this case, appellant wasting the precious time and resources of the public and as well as of the commission, due to which routine functioning of the respondent department also suffers.
6. Respondent PIO complied with the orders of the Commission passed in the instant appeal case time and again and it is observed that there is no malafide intention of the respondent PIO for not providing the requisite information.
7. With aforesaid observations, no further cause of action is required. Therefore, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 05.04.2023 (11:30 AM)

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Regd. Post

Sh. Vikarm (PIO-cum-BDPO)
O/o BDPO, Block Hajipur, Distt.
Hoshiarpur