



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

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Food Safety Officer,  
O/o Civil Surgeon, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Civil Surgeon,  
Patiala.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 5661 of 2021**

**PRESENT:   None for the Appellant**  
**None for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 13.09.2021 has sought information regarding the account from which the payment was made to collect samples – funds received from the Govt for the past ten years – audit reports of the funds received from the Govt. and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Civil Surgeon Fazilka. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the first appellate authority on 21.10.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 08.06.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/Patiala. The appellant was absent, and vide letter received in the Commission on 04.03.2022 informed that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent vide email sought adjournment.

The case was adjourned. The PIO was directed to provide the sought information and appear at the next date of hearing.

On the date of last hearing on **19.09.2022**, **both** the parties were absent. The appellant vide email informed that the PIO has not supplied the information but informed vide letter dated 23.06.2022 that the information relates to Accounts Branch of Civil Surgeon, Patiala.

The respondent was absent on the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive hearing nor had supplied the information. There has been an enormous delay of more than one year in providing the information. The PIO was issued a **show cause notice under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time and directed to file reply on an affidavit.**

**Hearing dated 07.12.2022:**

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/Patiala. Both parties are absent.

The appellant vide email has informed that the PIO has not supplied the information.

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The PIO is absent on 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive hearing, nor has filed the reply to the show cause notice nor provided the information. The order dated 19.09.2022 sent to the PIO has been returned by the postal authorities with the remarks "Due to Strike".

The PIO is given one last opportunity to file a reply to the show cause notice and appear personally on the next date of hearing otherwise, it will be presumed that the PIO has nothing to say on the matter and penal action will be taken against the PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act.

To come up for further hearing on **28.02.2023 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The PIO to appear through VC at DAC Patiala.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 07.12.2022**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**