

Sh Pawan Kumar, S/o Sh. Shiv Lal,
Village Rupana,
Tehsil & Distt Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DM, PUNSUP,
Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

First Appellate authority,
O/o MD, PUNSUP,
SCO-36-40, Sector-34-A,
Chandigarh,

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 601 of 2022

PRESENT: Sh.Pawan Kumar as the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 08.11.2021 has sought information regarding number of godowns, the quantity of wheat / rice stored in each godown, the quantity of wheat/rice allotted to shellers from each godown from 01.04.2019 to 31.10.2021 – a copy of physical verification report of each godown – total number of inspections and PDCs working under Mutsar Centre and list of mandis allotted to each inspector/PDC and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of the District Manager, PUNSUP, Sri Muktsar Sahib. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 11.12.2021 which did not decide on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 29.08.2022 through video conferencing at DAC, Sri Muktsar Sahib. As per the appellant, the information was not supplied by the PIO.

The respondent was absent nor represented as well as not supplied the information. There has been an enormous delay of more than nine months in attending to the RTI application. The Commission having taken a serious view of this issued a **show cause notice to the PIO 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.**

The PIO was again directed to provide the information to the appellant as per record and send a compliance report to the Commission.

Hearing dated 31.10.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Sri Mukatsar Sahib. As per appellant, the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent is absent on 2nd consecutive hearing nor has filed reply to the show cause notice as well as not complied the order of the Commission to provide the information.

As per information, Sh.Manav Jindal was the PIO at the time of filing of RTI application who is under suspension. The present PIO Sh.Sanjeev Kumar Sharma has joined as District Manager, PUNSUP w.e.f. 21.07.2022 but has not filed the reply to the show cause notice which was issued on 29.08.2022.

The present PIO is given one last opportunity to file reply to the show cause notice and appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing. The PIO is also directed to provide information to the appellant immediately failure to which attract penal action under section 20 fo the RTI Act.

The case is adjourned. To come up on **27.12.2022** at 11.00 AM for hearing today through video conferencing at DC office, Sri Muktsar Sahib.