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Sh Tejinder Singh, Advocate, Civil Court, Tehsil Complex, Backside Sanjh Kender, Phillaur.



... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Civil Surgeon, Tarn Taran.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Civil Surgeon, Tarn Tararn.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 819 of 2022

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

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 23.05.2021 has sought information regarding the order of the Hon'ble Health Minister for filing FIR against the persons appointed on fake documents as well as against Dr.Anup Kumar(Retd) for not doing duties alongwith complete file relating to this case as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Civil Surgeon Tarn taran. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 20.11.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

Versus

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Tarn Taran/Ludhiana. The respondent is absent.

The appellant is present and informed that the PIO vide letter dated 13.09.2022 has denied the information stating that the enquiry report has been sent to Director of Health.

There is nothing on record which shows that the RTI application has been attended to by the PIO within the stipulated time. There has been an enormous delay of more than one year and four month in attending to the RTI application. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby 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 the statutorily prescribed period of time.** He/she 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.

To come up for further hearing on **24.01.2023 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, TarnTaran. The appellant to appear at DAC Ludhiana.

Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh Dated: 03.10.2022