



Sh Gurmukh Singh,
Old Anaj Mandi,
Ferozpur Cantt.

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Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Distt Food & Civil Supplies Office,
Ferozpur.

First Appellate authority,
O/o Director, Food & Supplies Office,
Sector-39-C, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 822 of 2022

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

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 16.08.2021 has sought information to provide the copy of the notification of Govt. of Punjab for getting sticker from the area MC affixed & QR code on forms for issuance of new ration card under "atta dal scheme" – a copy of conditions of Govt. of Punjab for issuance of new ration card under the above scheme as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of the District Food Civil Supplied and Consumer Affairs, Ferozpur. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the first appellate authority on 03.12.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 25.08.2022 through VC, which could not be heard due to an internet problem and was adjourned for 26.08.2022.

The case last came up for hearing on 26.08.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Ferozpur. As per the appellant, the PIO had not supplied the complete information as per the RTI application.

The respondent was absent. There has been an enormous delay of 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 a reply on an affidavit.** The PIO was directed to provide complete information to the appellant immediately.

Hearing dated 22.11.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ferozpur. Both the parties are absent.

The Commission has received a reply from the PIO dated 04.11.2022 which has been taken on record. In the reply, it has been mentioned that the complete information has already been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 07.03.2022, and the appellant has acknowledged having received the information and has shown his satisfaction. The PIO has further mentioned in the reply that the appellant had sought a copy of the notification relating to the QR code and since the information was not available in their office, the same was enquired from the Head office. As per the report of the Head office, no such notification was issued by the Govt. and the reply was sent to the appellant. Hence the delay was not intentional.

Since the information stands provided and the appellant does not want to pursue the case further, the show cause is dropped and the case is closed.

The case is **disposed of and closed.**

Chandigarh
Dated: 22.11.2022

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commission