



Pankaj Trivedi
S/o Late Sh. Bhola Nath Trivedi,
A – Block, 4th Floor,
Jalandhar Heights, 66 Ft. Road,
Jalandhar(Punjab)
(M.-9814381297)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director General of Police, Punjab
Punjab Police Head Quarter,
Sector 9, Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Bureau of Investigation, Pb.,
Punjab Police Head Quarter,
Sector 9, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director General of Police, Punjab
Punjab Police Head Quarter,
Sector 9, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4159 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
i) Sh. Purshotam Kumar, A. S. I.(94171-31510) O/o D. G. P., Punjab ;
ii) Sh. Amrit Singh, Senior Assistant(M.-98775-89262) O/o Bureau of
Investigation, Punjab ; on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission

2. The RTI request is dated 01.09.2022. First appeal is dated 07.09.2022. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.09.2022.
3. This case was last heard on 21.10.2022 and PIO office of Bureau of Investigation, Punjab , Chandigarh was directed to file point-wise specific reply.
4. The appellant, Sh. Pankaj Trivedi is not present in today's hearing but through an e-mail dated 26.10.2022 has intimated that due to his engagement in a surgery case, he is



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unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

5. After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 4648-49 dated 28.10.2022 (received in the Commission vide Diary No. 24621 dated 31.10.2022, has intimated the Commission that the RTI request of the appellant was forwarded to the PIO office of Bureau of Investigation under intimation to the Commission as well as to the appellant. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

6. Sh. Purshotam Kumar, A. S. I. office of D. G. P., Punjab, appeared in today's hearing.

7. Sh. Amrit Singh, Senior Assistant and Sh. Bhoora Ali, Head Constable office of Bureau of Investigation, Punjab, appeared on behalf of the respondent in today's hearing without any reply/information. They are not aware about the facts of the case.

8. It is observed that the respondents are being represented by very low level officials who are not in a position to satisfy the commission and the appellant. From the next date of hearing, no person below the PIO or APIO will be allowed to appear. Appearance of low level officials will amount to disrespect to the RTI Act besides invoking the provisions of imposition of penalty and also award of compensation to the appellant and also recommendation of disciplinary action against the PIO under Section 20 of RTI Act, 2005.

Sh. Amrit Sing, O/o BOI Punjab states that the concerned PIO/ APIO is on leave for two months. Since, the post of the PIO is stated to be vacant, therefore, Director General of

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Punjab is requested to take appropriate action for appointment of additional PIO / APIO so that public at large is not put inconvenience in the absence of the regular PIO/APIO.

9. Further last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant or submit a point-wise reply to the queries raised by the appellant through his RTI request.

10. To come up on **19th December, 2022 (Monday) at 12:00 P. M. for hearing for further proceedings in the Commission.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 16th November, 2022

Sd/-
(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

(Regd. Post)

The Director General of Police, Punjab, Police Head Quarter, Sector - 9,
Chandigarh **(to take necessary action)**