



Vasdev Garg,
Mitwa Street,
Water Works Road,
Mansa - 151505(Punjab)
(9463271931)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of Finance,
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of Finance,
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 141 of 2022
(Converted in Appeal-case)

Present : None on behalf of the applicant.
Sh. Rajesh Mittal, Auditor (9464206373), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. The RTI request is dated 29.01.2022. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 16.03.2022.

3. The applicant , Sh. Vasdev Garg , is not present in today's hearing, but through a letter dated 10.09.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 20727 dated 12.09.2022, has requested that further hearing/hearings in this case be fixed through facility of Video Conference. It is taken on record.

4. Sh. Rajesh Mittal, Auditor, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a reply at point no.01 of the RTI request has already been given to the applicant vide letter no. 103-104 dated 30.09.2022 and a copy of the same has been sent to the Commission (received in the Commission vide Diary No. 2776 dated 04.10.2022). He also states that the information sought by the applicant at point no. 02 and 03 of the RTI request is in nature of questions and questions do not constitute 'information'.

5. After examining the RTI request, placed in the case-file, it emerges that the queries, raised by the complainant through RTI request, are in the shape of questions .

6. Moreover, as per Section 2 (f) of the RTI Act, which reads as under :
"information" means any material in any form, including records, documents, memos, e-mails, opinions, advices, press releases, circulars, orders, logbooks, contracts, reports, papers, samples, models, data material held in any electronic form and information relating to any private body which can be accessed by a public authority under any other law for the time being in force;"

7. As the questions do not constitute 'information', hence, no cognizance is required to be taken in this case

8. In view of all the above, the case is **disposed of and closed** with the advice to the complainant to file a fresh application by seeking specific information from the respondent PIO concerned.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 12th October, 2022

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