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Sh. Veeru Singh, S/o Sh. Dhola Singh, Village Ladhuka, Tehsil & Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o District Social Security Officer, Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority, O/o District Social Security Officer, Fazilka.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3852 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Harbhajan Singh, Clerk for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 03.05.2021 has sought information regarding discontinuation of the old-age pension of Sh.Dhola Singh – the name of enquiry officer - a copy of enquiry report alongwith form filled – a copy of the attestation of patwari or panchayat secretary during enquiry etc. and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of District Social Security Officer, Fazilka. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 30.06.2021 which took no decision of the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Fazilka. The respondent present has brought nothing. Also, there is nothing on record that shows that the RTI application has been responded to.

The appellant is absent nor is represented.

Having gone through the record, the Commission observes that there has been an enormous delay of nine months in providing the information. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO to 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.

The PIO is again directed to provide information to the appellant within 15 days of the receipt of the order.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **01.08.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka. **Sd/**-

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Smt Tushpinderpal Kaur, W/o Sh Sonu Kumar, Street No-1-E, H No-A-1149, R/o Radha Swami Colony, Fazilka.

... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Director, Social Justice Empowerment and minorities, SCO-6-7, Phase-1,Mohali.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Director, Social Justice Empowerment and minorities, SCO-6-7, Phase-1, Mohali.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3813 of 2021

PRESENT: Smt.Tushpinderpal Kaur for the Appellant

Sh.Parminder Singh, Dy.Director for the Respondent

Versus

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 27.05.2021 has sought information regarding the list of BC category ETT students who applied for scholarship during 2012-14 - list of minority category ETT students who applied for scholarship during 2012-14 - scholarship provided - objections raised for not granting scholarship to students and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Director Social Justice and Empowerment and Minorities, Pb Mohali. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 10.07.2021 which took no decision of the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Fazilka/ Chandigarh. The respondent present informed that no BC category students applied for scholarship during 2012-14 session and only two students relating to minority category applied and that the scholarship was released to both of them and information has been provided to the appellant.

The appellant claims that the information is not correct since she herself had applied for a scholarship and has sent a copy of the registration form to the Commission which has been taken on record.

Having gone through the RTI application and hearing both the parties, the PIO is directed to provide an affidavit that the information that has been supplied is true, complete and no other information is available in the record relating to this RTI application.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **01.08.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.

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Sh Brij Mohan, R/o # 918/1, Near SBI Jalalabad, Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare, Sector-34-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare, Sector-34-A, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4142 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Gaurav Dhiman, Sr.Assistant and Smt.Nirlep Kaur Suptd. for the

Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated Nil has sought information on 08 points regarding posts of PCMS filled against 250 posts advertised – list of doctors selected under general category – post of general male & female doctors selected and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Director Health and Family Welfare, Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 09.07.2021 which took no decision of the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Fazilka/ Chandigarh. The respondent present informed that a total of 238 posts of doctors were filled against 250 posts advertised and the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 23.07.2021 and again on 28.02.2022 with a copy to the Commission. The respondent further informed that the information on point-6 being 3rd party information, it cannot be provided.

The appellant is absent nor is represented.

Having gone through the RTI application and the copy of the information received from the PIO, the Commission observes that the PIO has provided information about the 238 doctors but has held the information about Ms Surjit Kaur. I see that there is no reason to hold the information of Ms.Surjit Kaur, especially when the same information about 238 other doctors has been provided.

The PIO is directed to provide information regarding point-6 to the appellant and send a compliance report to the Commission.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **01.08.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka. The PIO to appear at Chandigarh.

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Sh Amit Kakkar. Civil Court Complex, Jalalabad (West), Distt. Fazilka.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Director, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Anaj Bhawan, Sector-39-C, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 1166 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Amit Kakkar as the Appellant

Ms.Kiran Inspector for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 04.12.2020 has sought information regarding the weight of empty gunny bags deducted from the wheat distributed for three months under Prime Minister Garib Kalyan Yojna and the retaining of empty bags by depot holders and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Director, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 17.09.2021 which took no decision of the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Fazilka/ Chandigarh. The respondent present informed that the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 15.11.2021.

The appellant claims that the information has been provided with a delay of more than eleven months.

Having gone through the record, the Commission observes that the RTI application was filed on 04.12.2020 whereas the information has been provided on 15.11.2021 with a delay of more than eleven months. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO to 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.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on 01.08.2022 at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka. The PIO to appear at Chandigarh.

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Sh Arun Garg, S/o Sh Sham Lal, H o-40-41, Central Town, Village Dad, P.O Lalton Kalan, Distt Ludhiana.

Versus

... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Chief Director Vigilance Bureau, Punjab, (Budget and Establishment Brach), Mini Secretariat, Block-C, Sector-9, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Chief Director Vigilance Bureau, Punjab, (Budget and Establishment Branch), Mini Secretariat, Block-C, Sector-9, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 803 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Arun Garg as the Appellant

Ms.Amandeep Kaur, Sub-Inspector for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 19.08.2019 has sought information on 10 points regarding a complaint filed through a toll-free number (complaint No.306 dated 19.12.2015). Action that was taken on the said complaint alongwith statements of witnesses – a copy of the complaint by the applicant with enquiry report and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Chief Director Vigilance Bureau, Punjab, (Budget and Establishment Branch), Mini Secretariat, Block-C, Sector-9, Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 17.11.2019 which took no decision of the appeal.

The case was first heard by Ms Preety Chawla, State Information Commissioner on 16.03.2020 when the respondent pleaded that since the appellant did not submit ID proof, the information was not provided. The appellant was absent.

On the date of the next hearing on 12.10.2020 it was observed that since the First Appellate Authority did not take any action on the appeal of the appellant, the case was remanded back to the First Appellate Authority with the direction to decide the matter in accordance with the provisions of RTI Act after giving all parties an opportunity to be heard.

On the date of the hearing on 16.08.2021, the appellant was absent and vide email sent his submissions which were taken on record.

The respondent present informed that the available information has been supplied to the appellant and filed their reply vide letter dated 11.08.2021 which was taken on record. Since the appellant was not present, an opportunity was given to the appellant to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing to pursue his case.

Appeal Case No. 803 of 2020

The case has come up for **hearing today** before this Bench through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/ Chandigarh. The respondent present informed that the available information has already been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 07.01.2021. The respondent has also submitted a copy of the information that has been taken on record.

The appellant claims that the information is incomplete.

The appellant is directed to point out the discrepancies if any (point-wise) in writing to the PIO with a copy to the Commission and the PIO is directed to remove the same. A copy of the information submitted by the respondent is sent to the appellant alongwith the order.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **01.08.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The PIO to appear at Chandigarh.

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... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Finance Personnel. Branch-2. Puniab Civil Secretariat. Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 1030 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Kharati Lal as the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 19.03.2021 has sought information regarding instruction dated 10.10.2019 regarding removal of an anomaly in pay fixation of general category employees and reserve category employees as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Finance Personnel, Branch-2, Punjab Civil Secretariat Chandigarh. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 06.07.2021 after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 06.08.2021 which took no decision of the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/ Chandigarh. The appellant claims that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent is absent and vide email has informed that since the information relates to PIO-Personnel Department (PP-1 Branch), the RTI application was transferred to them vide letter dated 09.04.2021.

The respondent from Personnel Department-(PP-1) is absent and there is nothing on record that shows that the RTI application has been tended to. There has been an enormous delay of more than ten months in attending to the RTI application. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO-Department of Personnel (PP-1 Branch) 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.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on 01.08.2022 at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The PIO to appear at Chandigarh.

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Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) **State Information Commissioner**

CC to PIO-Personnel Department(PP-1) Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

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Sh Avtar Singh, R/o H no-3583, Backside P.O, Jamalpur, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Sector-34-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Sector-34-A, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4397 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Avtar Singh as the Appellant

Sh.Harvinder Singh, Sr.Assistant for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 04.03.2021 has sought information on 09 points regarding the enquiry report on the enquiry conducted by Dy. Director Health and Family Welfare on the complaint of Dr.Avtar Singh as per the order of Health and Family Welfare Minister vide memo dated 22.09.2020 as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Secretary Health and Family Welfare, Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 06.05.2021 which took no decision of the appeal. After filing the first appeal, the PIO sent a reply to the appellant vide letter dated 20.05.2021 to which the appellant was not satisfied and filed 2nd appeal in the commission.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/ Chandigarh. The appellant claims that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent present informed that pleaded that since the enquiry was pending, the reply was sent to the appellant vide letter dated 06.05.2021 relating to point-1. However, the information relating to points 2 to 9 is not available in their record and may be available with Director Health Services (E-2 Branch).

The PIO-O/o Director Health and Family Welfare (E-2 Branch) is impleaded in the case and directed to provide information if available in the record or reply point-wise at the time of filing of RTI application.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **01.08.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The PIO to appear at Chandigarh.

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Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

CC to PIO O/o Director Health &Family Welfare (E-2 Branch). Sector 34. Chandigarh.

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Sh Jagjit Singh, R/o Aman Nagar, Street No-3, B/s Green land School, Near Jalandhar Bue Pass, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3861 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Dr. Manu for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 04.06.2021 has sought information on 06 points regarding the total number of employees under grade A, B&C against whom complaints regarding negligence of duty and allegation of corruption filed by anyone - charge sheets issued - action taken by the competent authority and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Civil Surgeon Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 10.07.2021 which took no decision of the appeal.

Versus

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent present pleaded that since the information cannot be provided u/s 8(1)(J) of the RTI Act.

The appellant is absent and vide email has requested for hearing through Cisco web-ex.

The appellant is given one more opportunity to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing through video conferencing to pursue the case and also establish any larger public interest involved in the disclosure of this information.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on 01.08.2022 at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

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... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3857 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Dr. Manu for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 02.06.2021 has sought information regarding the complaint diary register and complaint entry register relating to the civil surgeon office from 01.01.2020 to 30.06.2021 - a copy of diary register and RTI application number register of RTI application relating to the office of Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Civil Surgeon Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 05.07.2021 which took no decision of the appeal.

Versus

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent present pleaded that the information cannot be provided u/s 8(1)(J) of the RTI Act.

The appellant is absent and vide email has requested for hearing through Cisco web-ex.

The appellant is given one more opportunity to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing through video conferencing to pursue the case and also establish any larger public interest involved in the disclosure of this information.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on 01.08.2022 at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

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Sh Bhushan Jain S/o Sh Rajinder Kumar Jain, H No-392, Street NO-3, Nirmal Nagar, Dugri, Ludhiana. Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3823 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Dr. Manu for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 02.04.2021 has sought information regarding documents required to be attached for claiming the medical bill reimbursement by Punjab Govt employees alongwith instructions of the Govt as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Civil Surgeon Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 04.06.2021 which took no decision of the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 17.02.2022 with a copy to the Commission through email.

The appellant is absent and vide email has sought exemption due to the death of his close relative.

Having gone through the RTI application and the reply of the PIO, the PIO is directed to provide all govt notifications regarding documents required to be attached with the medical bill for claiming reimbursement.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **01.08.2022 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

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... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3822 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Dr. Manu for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 02.04.2021 has sought information regarding a copy of Govt instructions for time period fixed for passing medical bills by the Medical Board and status of medical bill of Rs.7502/- sent by DC office vide dispatch no.8914 dated 05.10.2020 as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Civil Surgeon Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 04.06.2021 which took no decision of the appeal.

Versus

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. As per the respondent, there is no notification/instructions available in the record. However, the medical bill of Rs.7502/- was processed and approval of the bill for Rs.6852/- has been granted vide letter dated 10.06.2021

The appellant is absent nor is represented.

Having gone through the RTI application and the reply of the PIO, the PIO is directed to provide a copy of the dispatch register indicating dispatch number and date of dispatch to the appellant.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on 01.08.2022 at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana,

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Sh. Anil Bhatia, H.No.-1523, Sector 13, Hissar-125005

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Registrar, Punjabi University, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Vice-Chancellor Punjabi University, Patiala.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4784 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Anil Bhatia the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 04.01.2021 has sought information regarding statutory University rule under which non-statutory DAV Mgt New Delhi has issued the advertisement in the Tribune dated 03.01.2021 for teaching posts in DAV colleges affiliated to the university despite the fact that DAV Management is neither affiliated to any State University nor aided by Punjab Govt. – suo motto action taken by the university in response to an aforesaid illegal advertisement without any jurisdiction and authority in law in violation of prescribed rules as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Registrar Punjabi University, Patiala. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 19.03.2021 which took no decision of the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today before this Bench. The appellant is present at Chandigarh. The respondent is absent.

The Commission has received a letter from the PIO on 18.02.2022 which has been taken on record. In the said letter, it has been informed that since the enquiry was pending, the information was not provided and the reply was sent to the appellant vide letter dated 23.03.2021 and 06.07.2021. However, a copy of the rule available in the University calendar has been provided to the appellant.

The appellant is not satisfied and alleged that as per the newsletter in the Tribune dated 20.02.2006, the matter has already been decided. The appellant further stated that First Appellate Authority also did not hear his case and merely a letter has been sent stating that the matter is under consideration as well as with a delay of more than 45 days.

Having gone through the RTI application and the reply of the PIO, the Commission finds that the RTI has been sufficiently replied to. However, there has been a delay of more than 45 days in providing the information.

Appeal Case No. 4784 of 2021

The Commission has taken a serious view of this 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.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **01.08.2022 at 11.00 AM at Chandigarh.**

Chandigarh Dated: 02.03.2022