

Sh Kanchan Bala, D/o Sh Pawan Kumar, # B-12/233, Street No-4, Kamal Colony, Samrala, Distt Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o SMO, PHC, Dhudhan, Sadhan, Distt Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Civil Surgeon, Patiala.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1289 of 2021

PRESENT: Smt. Kanchan Bala for the Appellant Dr.Shiv Inder, MO, Sh.Subhash Chander, Sanitary Inspector and Sh. Amritpal Singh, Steno for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 29.06.2020 has sought information on 08 points regarding departmental promotion of multipurpose health supervisors in 10/2018 – a copy of the pay register(complete salary statements) of health supervisors for the months 5/2019 to 06.2020 along with DA arrears to supervisors from 10/18 to 06/2020 and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of SMO-PHC Dudhan Sadhan, Distt.Patiala. The appellant was asked to vide letter dated 20.07.2020 by PIO to deposit requisite fee of Rs.200/- which the appellant did not deposit and filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 16.11.2020, which took no decision on the appeal. After filing the first appeal, the PIO sent information to the appellant vide letter dated 24.11.2020 to which the appellant was not satisfied and filed 2nd appeal in the Commission on 09.03.2021.

The case first came up for hearing on 29.07.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. As per the respondent, the information had already been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 24.11.2020, 05.12.2020 and 29.06.2021. As per the appellant, the information was incomplete and not legible nor attested.

Hearing both the parties, the Commission directed the appellant to inspect the record on 02.08.2020 at 10.00 AM by visiting the office of PIO and get the deficiency resolved. The PIO was directed to allow inspection of the record on the given date and time and provide the appellant with the deficient information. It was made clear that only that information needs to be provided, which has been sought in the RTI application.

On the date of hearing on **10.11.2021**, the respondent informed that the information has been supplied to the appellant.

The appellant was absent and sent her reply, which was received in the Commission on 08.11.2021. In the reply, the appellant expressed non-satisfaction with the provided information. In the reply, the appellant mentioned that as per the order of the Commission, she visited the office of PIO on 02.08.2021 for inspection of the record but the record was not shown to her. However, the PIO instead of allowing to inspect the record provided the same information that was shown during the last hearing and got an acknowledgement of the same. The appellant, however, requested for a physical hearing at Chandigarh as well as for direction to the PIO to get the record inspected before the Commission and to provide complete information as per the RTI application.

Accepting the plea of the appellant, the Commission directed the PIO to bring the entire record relating to this RTI application to the Commission on the next date of hearing.

The case was last heard on 21.03.2022. The respondent was absent nor had complied with the order of the Commission to bring the record to the Commission.

Since the PIO-SMO-Dudhan Sadhan, District Patiala was flouting the spirit of the RTI Act continuously and not appearing before the Commission, to secure an erring PIO"s presence before the commission, a bailable warrant of the PIO- SMO-PHC-Dudhan Sadhan, District Patiala was issued under section 18(3) of the RTI Act issued through Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala for his presence before the Commission on **25.04.2022.**

On the hearing dated **25.04.2022** Dr.Jaspreet Singh and Sh.Subhash Chander, Sanitary Inspector are present on behalf of the PIO and pleaded that the available information has already been provided to the appellant and the appellant has acknowledged having received the information. The respondents have also brought the record.

The appellant informed that the discrepancies were pointed out to the PIO but the same has not been sorted out.

The respondents have brought the record and during the hearing, the appellant has again inspected the record and pointed out the discrepancies to the respondent. The respondent has noted down discrepancies and agreed to provide the same as discussed during the hearing. The appellant has also agreed to the same.

The PIO was directed to sort out the discrepancies as pointed out and discussed during the hearing and provide the complete information to the appellant within 15 days of the receipt of the order.

Hearing dated 02.08.2022 :

The case has come up for hearing today. The respondent present pleaded that after removing the discrepancies pointed out by the appellant, the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 11.05.2022. The appellant expressed non-satisfaction with the provided information stating that the respondent has not given the details of deductions made in the monthly salary.

Hearing both the parties, the bench directs the appellant to point out discrepancies in writing today itself to the PIO and after that no further request in the instant case will be entertained by the bench. Vide application dated 02.08.2022 the appellant has pointed out the discrepancies in writing which is taken on record.

The PIO is directed to remove the discrepancies and provide the certified information to the appellant within 15 days with a copy to the Commission.

With the above orders the case is **disposed of and closed**.

Chandigarh Dated:02.08.2022



Sh V.K Bajaj, S/o Late Sh Vilaytiram, Secretary, Gandhu Eye Hospital, EPF, Ramghat Road, Aligarh.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Punjab State Industrial Development Corp, Pb, Udyog Bhawan, 18 Himalya Marg, P. Box-81, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Punjab State Industrial Development Corp, Pb, Udyog Bhawan, 18 Himalya Marg, P. Box-81, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 431 of 2022

PRESENT: Sh.Prabhat Kumar Mathur for the Appellant Sh.A.K.Gupta-PIO and Sh.Sanjay Ahuja-Accounts-cum-Legal Advisor for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 25.01.2021 has sought information regarding the reason behind not paying the interest on investment in PSIDC bonds, and the decision to settle the payment of bonds by paying the principal only, which is in violation of Govt notification dated 03.12.2004. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 16.08.2021, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the first appellate authority on 23.09.2021, which disposed of the appeal on 21.10.2021. In the order , the First appellate authority disposed of the appeal with the following order- "On 14.10.2021 , Mr. Pk Mathur , Accounts Officer, Gandhi Eye Hospital EPF Trust visited PSIDC office and requested for issue of directions to PSIDC to release the payment in respect of 7.70 % p.a. PSIDC bonds of Rs.35 lacs along with interest which does not fall within the purview of the RTI Act. No other information was sought by them."

As per the appellant, the PIO has denied the information vide letter dated 16.08.2021 stating that the Corporation is unable to repay the outstanding dues of the bondholders and has been requesting the State Govt to give grant-in-aid to tide over the debt trap situation.

The Commission has received a reply from the Accounts-cum-Legal Advisor & First Appellate Authority on 13.06.2022 which has been taken on record. In the reply, it has been mentioned that due to the precarious financial position of the Corporation, it has not been able to make the payment to the bondholders. The trust is asking the payment which does not fall within the purview of the RTI act.

Having gone through the RTI application and hearing both the parties, the Commission observes that the appellant basically wants the document on the basis of which the department has arrived at a decision to settle the payment of bonds on principal amount only (without interest of 7.70 p.a.).

Order-

The decision of the first appellate authority is clearly off the mark, as it has not addressed the RTI application and dismissed the appeal arbitrarily. The First appellate has failed to differentiate between the RTI application and the request of the appellant to release the amount (Principal + Interest) as per the original agreement. The request to release the amount and the RTI application are two separate documents.

Given the above, the decision of the First appellate was overruled and the PIO was directed to submit the document /order of the competent authority/Govt directions on the basis of which the department has taken a decision to settle the payment of the mentioned bonds with the appellant on the principal amount only. If such a document does not exist, provide an affidavit to the appellant stating the manner in which this decision was arrived at.

Hearing dated 02.08.2022 :

The case has come up for hearing today. The appellant present has brought the affidavit in the court and handed over the same to the appellant. The appellant expressed his satisfaction.

The Commission is not inclined to further interfere in the matter and hence, **the case** is disposed.

Chandigarh Dated: 02.08.2022



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

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Sub Registrar, Zira, Distt Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority, O/o SDM, Zira, Distt Ferozepur.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3758 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant Harpreet Singh, Clerk for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 04.05.2021, has sought information regarding vasikas verified from Jan 2021 to 04.05.2021 alongwith their numbers – the copies of the NOCs attached with vasikas – list of the illegal colonies – working of the collector of different colonies as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Sub-Registrar, Zira. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the first appellate authority on 05.06.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 21.02.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/Ferozepur. The appellant was absent and, vide email, informed that the information supplied by the PIO on 26.08.2021 was incomplete, and the discrepancies have been pointed out to the PIO on 26.09.2021, but the PIO has not sorted out the same.

The respondent was absent. The PIO was directed to sort out the discrepancies as pointed out by the appellant vide letter dated 26.09.2021 and provide complete information to the appellant.

The case last came up for hearing on 08.06.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/Ferozepur. Both the parties are absent.

Nothing on record shows that the PIO has sorted out the discrepancies pointed out by the appellant vide letter dated 26.09.2021. The respondent is absent on two consecutive occasions. There was also prima-facie evidence of an enormous delay of more than one year in providing the complete information.

Keeping the above-mentioned facts of the case, it was clear that the PIO-Sub-Registrar Zira, District Ferozepur was flouting the spirit of the RTI Act continuously. The PIO has not only shown utter disregard for the Commission's repeated orders to provide the information but has shown willful stubbornness in not appearing before the commission despite various orders of the Commission.

Appeal Case No. 3758 of 2021

To secure an erring PIO's presence before the commission, a bailable Warrant of the PIO-Sub-Registrar Zira, District Ferozepur was issued through Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur for his presence before the Commission on **02.08.2022**.

Hearing dated 02.08.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today. Shri Vinod Kumar, Tehsildar -cum- PIO is absent. However, Sh. Harpreet Singh, Clerk is present on behalf the PIO. The respondent pleaded that pointwise information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 26.07.2022.

The appellant is absent nor represented. The Appellant was also absent on 21.02.2022 and 08.06.2022.

Having gone through the RTI application and hearing the respondent, the Commission observes that the RTI application has sufficiently been attended to by the PIO and information has been supplied by the PIO. The appellant has not pointed out any discrepancy in the information supplied to the appellant. I do not find any reason to further keep the case open.

For non-pursuance of case by the appellant, the case is disposed of and closed.

Chandigarh Dated: 02.08.2022



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

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Sub Registrar, Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority, O/o SDM- Ferozepur.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3666 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant Smt. Sukhbinder Kaur, Tehsildar for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 24.05.2021, has sought information regarding vasikas verified from Jan.2021 to 04.05.2021 alongwith their numbers – copies of NOC attached with vasikas – list of illegal colonies – working of the collector of different colonies as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Sub-Registrar, Ferozepur. The appellant was not provided with the information, after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the first appellate authority on 24.06.2021, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 21.02.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/Ferozepur. The appellant was absent and vide email, informed that the information supplied by the PIO on 26.08.2021 was incomplete, and the discrepancies have been pointed out to the PIO on 26.09.2021, but the PIO has not sorted out the same.

The respondent was absent. The PIO was directed to sort out the discrepancies as pointed out by the appellant vide letter dated 26.09.2021 and provided complete information to the appellant.

The case last heard on 08.06.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/Ferozepur. Both the parties were absent.

Nothing on record shows that the PIO has sorted out the discrepancies pointed out by the appellant vide letter dated 26.09.2021. The respondent is absent on two consecutive occasions There is also prima-facie evidence of an enormous delay of more than one year in providing the complete information.

Keeping the above-mentioned facts of the case, it is clear that the PIO-Sub-Registrar Ferozepur is flouting the spirit of the RTI Act continuously. The PIO has not only shown utter disregard for the Commission's repeated orders to provide the information but has shown willful stubbornness in not appearing before the commission despite various orders of the Commission.

Appeal Case No. 3666 of 2021

To secure an erring PIO's presence before the commission, bailable Warrant of the PIO-Sub-Registrar Ferozepur was issued through Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur for his presence before the Commission on **02.08.2022**.

Hearing dated 02.08.2022 :

The case has come up for hearing today. The respondent present pleaded that the requisite information has already been sent on the Whats'App and also by post to appellant. The respondent further stated that she has brought copy of the same information for information of the Hon'ble Bench. The same is taken on record.

Having gone through the RTI application, the Commission finds that the RTI application has sufficiently been attended to. The Bench directs the respondent to provide the information by registered post to the appellant and send the copy of postal receipt to the Commission.

With the above facts the **case disposed of and closed**.

Chandigarh Dated: 02.08.2022

Sh Rajwinder Singh, S/o Sh Kulwant Singh, Rivariya Mohalla, Ward No-8, VPO Dhanola, Distt Barnala.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director, Education, SGPC, Bahadurgarh, Distt Patiala.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Director, Education, SGPC, Bahadurgarh, Distt Patiala.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1045 of 2021

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

ORDER:

The appellant through the RTI application dated Nil has sought information on 8 points regarding a copy of the approval of the selection committee of SGPC for the placement of Sh.Sohajbir Singh as placement officer in Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College Sri Anandpur Sahib on 10.05.2017 along with a copy of the diary register – number of students sent for study to foreign countries along with a copy of the relevant rules – furniture purchased in Khalsa College, Patiala from the year 2008 and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Director Education, SGPC Bahadurgarh, Distt.Patiala. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 05.10.2020 after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 22.12.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 13.07.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Barnala. Both the parties were absent.

The case was adjourned.

On the date of the last hearing on **09.11.2021, the** appellant informed that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent was absent. There has been an enormous delay in attending to the RTI application. The PIO was issued a **show-cause notice under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 and directed to file a reply on an affidavit.** The PIO was again directed to provide information to the appellant within 10 days of the receipt of the order.

The case last came up for hearing 16.03.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Barnala/Patiala. As per the appellant, the PIO has supplied information only on 14.03.2022 which is incomplete. The Commission has received a copy of the information sent to the appellant by the PIO vide letter dated 14.03.2022.

The respondent was absent nor was represented. The Commission has received an affidavit being a reply to the show-cause notice from the PIO through email which has been taken on record.



The appellant was directed to point out the discrepancies to the PIO with a copy to the Commission and the PIO was directed to sort out the same.

Hearing dated 02.08.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today. The appellant claimed that the PIO has supplied the incomplete information.

The respondent is absent nor is represented. The Commission has received a letter dated 01.08.2022 from the PIO intimating that the appellant has not conveyed any discrepancy from the appellant in the information supplied to him. The letter is taken on record.

Having gone through the RTI application and reply submitted by the PIO, I find that the appellant has not pointed out discrepancy either to the PIO or to the Commission. The appellant is again directed to point out the discrepancies to the PIO and the PIO is directed to sort out the same.

With the above facts, the case is disposed of and closed.

Chandigarh Dated : 02.08.2022

Versus



Sh Rajwinder Singh, S/o Sh Kulwant Singh, Rivariya Mohalla, Ward No-8, VPO Dhanola, Distt Barnala.

... Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director, Education, SGPC, Bahadurgarh, Distt Patiala.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Director, Education, SGPC, Bahadurgarh, Distt Patiala.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 943 of 2021

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

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 13.11.2019 has sought information on 8 points regarding a copy of the approval of the selection committee of SGPC for the placement of Sh.Sohajbir Singh as placement officer in Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College Sri Anandpur Sahib on 10.05.2017 along with the copy of diary register – number of students sent for study to foreign countries along with a copy of relevant rules – furniture purchased in Khalsa College, Patiala from the year 2008 and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Director Education, SGPC Bahadurgarh, Distt.Patiala. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 05.10.2020 after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 18.11.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 13.07.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Barnala. Both the parties were absent. The case was adjourned.

On the date of the last hearing on **09.11.2021**, the appellant informed that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The respondent was absent. There has been an enormous delay of two years in attending to the RTI application. The PIO was issued a **show-cause notice under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 and directed to file a reply on an affidavit.** The PIO was again directed to provide information to the appellant within 10 days of the receipt of the order.

The case was last heard on 16.03.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Barnala/Patiala. As per the appellant, the PIO has supplied information only on 14.03.2022 which is incomplete. The Commission has received a copy of the information sent to the appellant by the PIO vide letter dated 14.03.2022.

The respondent was absent nor was represented. The Commission has received a copy of an affidavit as a reply to the show-cause notice from the PIO through email which has been taken on record.

The appellant was directed to point out the discrepancies to the PIO with a copy to the Commission and the PIO was directed to sort out the same.

Hearing dated 02.08.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Barnala/Patiala. The appellant is present.

The PIO is absent nor is represented.

Having gone thorugh the RTI application and record in the file, it is observed that the respondent has already provided the information to the appellant but the appellant has not pointed out any discrepancy to the PIO. The appellant is again directed to point out the discrepancies, if any, in the information supplied and the PIO is directed to remove the discrepancies and supply the information to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

With the above orders, the case is **disposed of and closed**.

Chandigarh Dated : 02.08.2022



Sh Gagandeep Singh, S/o Sh Harjinder Singh, R/o Basti Jhabela Wali, P.O Guruharsahai, Tehsil & Distt Ferozepur.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o District Food & Supplies Controller, Ferozepur.

First Appellate authority, O/o District Food & Supplies Controller, Anaj Bhawan, Sector-39-C, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3900 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 11.05.2021 has sought information regarding ration card SRC No.030000463182, FPS No.104300400046 issued under NFSA of block Guru Harsahai relating to Jagdeep Singh, Harsimrat Kaur, Sarbjit Singh, Sukhdeep Singh and Sukhpreet Kaur and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of District Food & Supplies Controller, Ferozepur. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 19.06.2021 which took no decision of the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 07.03.2022 through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. The respondent present pleaded that since the information is 3rd party information, it cannot be provided and the reply has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 28.05.2021. The respondent further informed that the appellant had filed the first appeal with the First Appellate Authority, the hearing of which was fixed for 15.02.2022 but the same could not be heard due to the assembly elections in Punjab.

The appellant was absent nor represented. The appellant was given one more opportunity to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing to pursue his case.

Hearing dated 02.08.2022 :

The case has come up for hearing today. The appellant is again absent today.

Having gone through the RTI application and record in the file, the Commission finds that the RTI application has been attended to by the PIO. The Commission further observes that the appellant is absent today and was also absent on the previous date of hearing.

For non-pursuance of case by the appellant, the case is disposed.

Chandigarh Dated: 02.08.2022



Sh Jaspal Singh S/o Sh Mahinder Singh, R/o New Bedi Colony, Phase-2, Backside Bhagat Singh Colony, Ferozepur.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Dashmesh youth Club , VPO PANDORI KHATRIAN, TEHSIL ZIRA Distt FEROZEPUR.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Dashmesh youth Club , VPO PANDORI KHATRIAN, TEHSIL ZIRA Distt FEROZEPUR.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4244 of 2021 PRESENT: Sh. Jaspal Singh, the Appellant None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 23.06.2021 has sought information regarding the attendance register of Dashmesh Youth Club Ferozepur, a project being run under Pb State Aids Control Society – a copy of rule regarding educational qualification prescribed for staff of Youth Club members – documents submitted by the staff of youth club during recruitment and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Dasmesh Youth Club Ferozepur. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated Nil after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 20.07.2021 which took no decision of the appeal. The appellant had filed an RTI application with Punjab State Aids Control Society which transferred the same to PIO-Dashmesh Youth Club, Ferozepur under section 6((3) of the RTI Act vide letter dated 01.07.2021.

The case first came up for hearing on **07.03.2022** through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. Both the parties were absent.

Hearing dated 02.08.2022 :

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. The respondent is absent nor represented.

The appellant claimed that he has received the requisite information from the PIO and his case be filed.

The information stands supplied and no more action is left. The case is **disposed of** and closed.

Chandigarh Dated: 02.08.2022