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Sh. Gora Lal, S/o Sh Manohar Lal,
R/o H No-1, Street No-1, Professor Colony,
Sirhind Mandi, Fatehgarh Sahib.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, PSPCL,
Sirhind, Distt Fatehgarh Sahib.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 345 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Complainant
Sh.Parvinder Singh, Asstt.Engineer, PSPCL Sirhind for the Respondent

ORDER:

The case was last heard on 07.08.2019. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the complainant vide letter dated 22.03.2019. Regarding delay in attending to the RTI application, the respondent stated that the RTI application was received in City Sub Division on 18.01.2019 and City Sub Division submitted reply to the Xen on 31.01.2019 for approval which sent it to the appellant vide letter dated 22.03.2019.

The Commission was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO and directed the respondent to file a detailed reply giving sequence of events that why delay has been occurred.

Hearing dated 03.12.2019:

The respondent present pleaded that the information concerning them has already been provided to the appellant. Regarding the delay, the respondent informed that the complaint of the complainant was forwarded by the DC Fatehgarh Sahib to the Estate Officer, MC Sirhind and Xen, PSPCL Sirhind and they have already provided the information to the appellant. The appellant has not raised any objection. The respondent further informed that the EO-MC Sirhind has not provided the information.

The EO-MC Sirhind is absent. The Commission observes that there has been an enormous delay in providing the information from EO-MC Sirhind. The Commission has taken a serious note of this and hereby directs the PIO-EO, Sirhind 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 persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

The PIO is again directed to provide the information to the appellant within 10 days of the receipt of this order.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **04.03.2020 at 11.00 AM.**

Chandigarh
Dated:03.12.2019

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

CC to :PIO-Estate Officer,
Municipal Committee,
Sirhind.

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Sh.Ujagar Singh, S/o Sh Lt Sh.Bant Singh,
R/o Street No-1, Mann Colony,
Daba, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o ADGP, (Crime),
Police Headquarters, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DGP, (Crime),
Police Headquarter, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 157 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Harpal Singh and Sh.Hardip Singh for the Respondent

Order:

The case was first heard on 26.02.2019 by Sh.S.S.Channy, Chief Information Commissioner. The respondent Sh.Prem Singh was present who informed that as per letter dated 05.02.2019 from AIGP Bureau of Investigation, Punjab, the letter of the appellant dated 18.09.2018 was not received by them and the appellant was asked vide letter dated 11.12.2018 to furnish details of the information sought by him but no reply was received from him. The appellant stated that he has not received the letter dated 11.12.2018. The appellant was directed to hand over a copy of letter dated 18.09.2018 to the respondent and the respondent was directed to provide the information.

The case was again heard by Sh.S.S.Channy, Chief Information Commissioner on 02.04.2019. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent stated that the FIR in the matter has been registered and information asked for by the appellant is in question form, which cannot be provided. After hearing both the parties, the PIO was directed to supply the information to the appellant and in case any of the information is not available, then a written submission to this effect be made on the next date of hearing.

The case again came up for hearing before this bench on 08.07.2019. The appellant claimed that despite order of the Commission, the PIO has not supplied the information. The PIO was directed to respond all the points of the RTI application, and whatever the information is available on record, the same be provided. If any of the information is not available in the record, the same be given in writing on an affidavit. If the information is in the custody of other persons, the same be informed. The information be provided to the appellant within 15 days.

The case was last heard on **02.09.2019**. The respondent present pleaded that the reply has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 11.05.2019. The appellant was not satisfied and stated that he has sought information regarding certain documents submitted by him during investigation. The respondent stated that the complete record is available with the police station, Mehal kalan. The DSP-Mehal Kalan was impleaded in the case and directed to allow inspection of the complete record to the appellant and provide the information to the best possible extent as per the RTI act.

Appeal Case No. 157 of 2019

Hearing dated 03.12.2019:

The respondent present claims that they tried to contact the appellant to fix a mutually convenient date of inspection but the appellant has not responded. The appellant is absent and vide email has sought exemption. The appellant in the same email has informed that the PIO has not provided the information.

In the earlier order, inspection rights have been provided. Order remains the same which is valid for two months. If the appellant is still interested to get the information, he is directed to contact the office of PIO by fixing a mutually convenient date and time for inspection of record and get the relevant information. The PIO-DSP, Mehal Kalan is also directed to allow inspection of the complete record to the appellant and provide the information.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **04.03.2020 at 11.00 AM.**

Sd/-

**Chandigarh
Dated:03.12.2019**

**(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner**

CC to : DSP-Mehal Kalan(Barnala)



Sh. Kishan Lal, S/o Sh.Bephati Ram,
VPO Nawan Pind,
Mehta Road, Amritsar.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SE, Operational,
City Circle, PSPCL,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o CE, Operational,
Border Zone, PSPCL,
Amritsar.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 949 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Krishan Lal as the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER: The case was first heard on 18.06.2019. The respondent brought some information and handed over to the appellant. However, since the RTI was not legible, there was no way that the Commission could scrutinize the information sought and the information provided. The appellant was directed to bring a legible copy of the RTI application.

The case was last heard on **02.09.2019**. The appellant submitted legible copy of RTI application. The respondent present informed that point-wise information has already been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 02.11.2018 and a copy submitted to the Commission. The appellant was not satisfied and stated that the PIO has not provided the information as per RTI application. Having gone through the RTI application, reply of the PIO and hearing both the parties, the following was concluded:

- Point-2- The PIO to provide information that under whose investigation, the meter was recovered.
- Point-8 PIO to provide copy of PDC
- Point-9 To provide information
- Point-10 Provided during the hearing.

Rest of the points stands suitably replied.

Hearing dated 03.12.2019:

The Commission has received a letter diary No.22451 on 22.11.2019 from the PIO stating that in compliance with the order of the Commission, the information on points, 2,8,9 & 10 has been provided to the appellant on 10.10.2019 and the appellant has acknowledged having received the information vide receipt dated 18.10.2019.

The appellant is not satisfied and stated that the information has not been provided as sought in the RTI application. The PIO is directed to relook at points 2, 8 & 9 and provide the information and resolve the matter within 15 days otherwise the Commission will be constrained to issue show cause notice to the PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act.

To come up for further hearing on **04.03.2020 at 11.00 AM.**

Chandigarh
Dated 03.12.2019

Sd/-
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Sh Simranjit Singh, S/o Sh Jagdish Singh,
93/2, Adarsh Nagar,
Jalandhar.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o JDA,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o JDA,
Jalandhar

... Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1043 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Sanjeev Sharma and Sh.Ashok Kumar for the Respondent

ORDER: The case was first heard on 27.06.2019. Hearing both the parties, the respondent was directed to provide the information to the appellant within 15 days and send a compliance report to the Commission.

During the hearing, the appellant also raised the point regarding section 4 of the RTI Act which pertains to the obligations of the Public Authorities, whereby, the public authorities create a system to maintain records, as well disseminate them suo-motto in easily accessible form, preferably electronic and the Internet, so that the public have minimum resort to use this Act to obtain information.

As per powers vested Under Section 19(8)(a)(iii) of the RTI Act, which empowers the Central Information Commission or State Information Commission to require the public authority to take any such steps as may be necessary to secure compliance with the provisions of this Act, including by publishing certain information or categories of information, the Chief Administrator, JDA Jalandhar was impleaded and directed to prepare a roadmap for implementation of the Section 4 of this Act and present it at the next date of hearing.

The case was last heard on **02.09.2019**. The respondent was absent and vide email sought adjournment. The appellant was also absent. The case was adjourned.

Hearing dated 03.12.2019:

The respondent present informed that the appellant was asked vide letter dated 14.11.2019 and 21.11.2019 to inspect the record by visiting the office of PIO on any working day and get the relevant information. Regarding uploading of the information, the respondent informed that their Nodal Officer-IT has sent communication to all different departments of the JDA to provide data that it could be uploaded on the website of the department as per order of the Commission under section 4 of the RTI Act.

The PIO is directed to ensure the compliance of the order before the next date of hearing.

To come up for further hearing on **04.03.2020 at 11.00 AM.**

Chandigarh
Dated 03.12.2019

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

CC to PIO-Chief Administrator, JDA Jalandhar

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Sh Deepak Khurana S/o Sh Girdhari Lal,
H No-264, Street No-16, Nai Abadi,
Chotti pori, Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o President, Bar Association,
Court Complex, Abohar,
Distt Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary, Bar Council,
Punjab & Haryana, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3712 of 2018

Present: None for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

Order: The case was first heard on **06.02.2019**. The respondent present from the office of Bar Council, Punjab & Haryana Chandigarh claimed that the information did not relate to them as the information has been sought from Bar Association Abohar and the Bar Council has nothing to do with it. The respondent further informed that the Bar Council is also not a First Appellate Authority and they have inadvertently been made a party to this case by the appellant. The respondent is directed to give this in writing.

Neither the appellant nor anyone from the Bar Association was present. The case was adjourned.

The case was again heard on **25.03.2019**. The appellant claimed that no information has been provided. The respondent present from the office of Bar Council of Punjab & Haryana submitted a reply that the information is not related with the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana and that each and every Bar Associations have their own constitution and are fully independent body. The respondent further pleaded that the Bar Council is also not the First Appellate Authority of the Bar Association. The reply was accepted and the Bar Council was exempted.

The respondent from Bar Association Abohar was absent on 2nd consecutive hearing and nor provided the information. The PIO, Bar Association Abohar was issued a **show cause notice u/s 20 of the RTI Act and** directed to file reply on an affidavit and If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO was directed to inform such persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

The PIO-Bar Association Aboha was again directed to provide the information to the appellant within 10 days. The PIO of the Bar Association was also directed to clarify that which is the appropriate First Appellate Authority in this case.

Appeal Case No. 3712 of 2018

The case was again came up for hearing on **21.05.2019**. The appellant claimed that no information has been provided by the PIO. The respondent from Bar Association Abohar was absent nor sent any reply to the show cause notice. The PIO-Bar Association, Abohar was given one last opportunity to provide the information to the appellant and appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing alongwith the reply to the show cause on an affidavit, otherwise the Commission will be constrained to take a view that the respondent has nothing to say on the matter and adjudicate the matter as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The case was again heard on **23.07.2019**. The appellant informed that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent was absent.

The President, Bar Association Abohar was impleaded in the case and directed to file a reply in the ongoing case.

The case was last heard on **03.09.2019**. Since both the parties were absent, in the interest of justice, one more opportunity was granted and the case was adjourned.

Hearing dated 03.12.2019:

The case has come up for hearing today. The appellant had asked for information regarding constitution of Bar Association, funds collected from members/political leaders from the office of President Bar Association, Abohar. The respondent has not replied or attended any court hearing on the assumptions that it does not come under the jurisdiction of the RTI Act. The Commission issued notices to the President of the Bar Association to come and state its position which the PIO of the Bar Association has preferred to ignore.

To reach at a definite conclusion in this case, the Commission is invoking section 18(3) in order to receive evidence on affidavit from the President of the Bar Association to arrive at a just and fair decision on the matter. Section 18(3) is reproduced hereunder:

(3) The Central Information Commission or State Information Commission, as the case may be shall, while inquiring into any matter under this section, have the same powers as are vested in a civil court while trying a suit under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, in respect of the following matters, namely:—

- (a) Summoning and enforcing the attendance of persons and compel them to give oral or written evidence on oath and to produce the documents or things;
- (b) Requiring the discovery and inspection of documents;
- (c) Receiving evidence on affidavit;
- (d) Requisitioning any public record or copies thereof from any court or office;
- (e) Issuing summons for examination of witnesses or documents; and
- (f) Any other matter which may be prescribed.

To come up for further hearing on **04.03.2020 at 11.00 AM**.

Chandigarh
Dated: 03.12.2019

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Sh Deepak Khurana, S/o Sh Girdhari Lalm
264, Street No-16, Nai Abadi, Abohar,
Distt Fazilka..

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o President, Bar Association, court Complex,
Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary, Bar Council,
Punjab & Haryana, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3738 of 2018

Present: None for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

Order:

The case was first heard on **06.02.2019**. The respondent present from the office of Bar Council, Punjab & Haryana Chandigarh claimed that the information did not relate to them as the information has been sought from Bar Association Abohar and the Bar Council has nothing to do with it. The respondent further informed that the Bar Council is also not a First Appellate Authority and they have inadvertently been made a party to this case by the appellant. The respondent was directed to give this in writing.

Neither the appellant nor anyone from the Bar Association was present. The case was adjourned.

The case was again heard on **25.03.2019**. The appellant claimed that no information has been provided. The respondent present from the office of Bar Council of Punjab & Haryana submitted a reply that the information is not related with the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana and that each and every Bar Associations have their own constitution and are fully independent body. The respondent further pleaded that the Bar Council is also not the First Appellate Authority of the Bar Association. The reply was accepted and the Bar Council was exempted.

The respondent from Bar Association Abohar was absent on 2nd consecutive hearing and nor had provided the information. The PIO Bar Association, Abohar was issued a show cause notice **under Section 20 of the RTI Act and** directed to file reply on an affidavit. If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

The PIO-Bar Association Abohar was again directed to provide the information to the appellant within 10 days. The PIO of the Bar Association was also directed to clarify that which is the appropriate First Appellate Authority in this case.

The case was further heard on **21.05.2019**. The appellant claimed that no information has been provided by the PIO. The respondent from Bar Association Abohar was absent nor had sent any reply to the show cause notice. The PIO-Bar Association, Abohar was given one last opportunity to provide the information to the appellant and appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing alongwith the reply to the show cause on an affidavit, otherwise the Commission will be constrained to take a view that the respondent has nothing to say on the matter and adjudicate the matter as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The case was again heard on **23.07.2019**. The appellant informed that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent was absent. The President, Bar Association Abohar was impleaded in the case and directed to file a reply in the ongoing case.

The case was last heard on **03.09.2019**. Since both the parties were absent, in the interest of justice, one more opportunity was granted and the case was adjourned.

Hearing dated 03.12.2019:

The case has come up for hearing today. The appellant had asked for information regarding details of funds collected by Bar Association from members, list of new members, funds collected from bar canteen, details of expenditure from 25015-16, 2016-17 & 2017-18 from the office of President Bar Association, Abohar. The respondent has not replied or attended any court hearing on the assumptions that it does not come under the jurisdiction of the RTI Act. The Commission issued notices to the President of the Bar Association to come and state its position which the PIO of the Bar Association has preferred to ignore.

To reach at a definite conclusion in this case, the Commission is invoking section 18(3) in order to receive evidence on affidavit from the President of the Bar Association to arrive at a just and fair decision on the matter. Section 18(3) is reproduced hereunder:

(3) The Central Information Commission or State Information Commission, as the case may be shall, while inquiring into any matter under this section, have the same powers as are vested in a civil court while trying a suit under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, in respect of the following matters, namely:—

- (a) Summoning and enforcing the attendance of persons and compel them to give oral or written evidence on oath and to produce the documents or things;
- (b) Requiring the discovery and inspection of documents;
- (c) Receiving evidence on affidavit;
- (d) Requisitioning any public record or copies thereof from any court or office;
- (e) Issuing summons for examination of witnesses or documents; and
- (f) Any other matter which may be prescribed.

To come up for further hearing on **04.03.2020 at 11.00 AM**.

Chandigarh
Dated: 03.12.2019

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



Sh. Jasbir Singh,
Village Bholapur, Jhabewal,
P.O Ramgarh, Distt Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
-Cum- Food Safety Officer,
O/o Civil Surgeon, Pathankot.

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

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 778 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The case was first heard on 19.06.2019. The respondent present pleaded that since there was no clarity about the information that was being sought, the appellant was asked vide letter dated 22.11.2018 & 11.01.2019 to clarify the information that he needed, which he did not.

Having gone through the RTI application, it was observed that the appellant had tried to seek information on the steps taken towards implementation of Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005. Section 4 and its subsections pertain to the obligations of the Public Authorities, whereby, the public authorities create a system to maintain records, as well disseminate them suo-motto in easily accessible form, preferably electronic and the Internet, so that the public have minimum resort to use this Act to obtain information.

The Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration, Kharar and Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Punjab were impleaded in this case to give a reply to this RTI query of appellant Jasbir Singh.

Also, as per powers vested Under Section 19(8)(a)(iii) of the RTI Act, the Commission directed the Department of Health & family Welfare to prepare a roadmap for implementation of the Section 4 of this Act and present it at the next date of hearing.

The PIO-cum-Food Safety Officer, Pathankot was also directed to provide any notification, order to act upon Section 4 of the RTI Act.

The case was last heard on **04.09.2019**. The respondent present pleaded that there is no such notification available in their record and they have no website through which the people can obtain the information. The PIO- Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration, Kharar and Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Punjab were absent.

The **Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration, Kharar** was again directed to reply on the status of implementation of section 4 and its sub-sections at all District Level Food Safety departments. The **Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Punjab** was also directed to prepare a road map for implementation of this section and creation of website for computerization of the record of food safety department as provided under section 4 of the RTI Act.

Appeal Case No. 778 of 2019

Hearing dated 03.12.2019:

The case has come up for hearing today. Both the parties are absent. The earlier order stands.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **02.03.2020 at 11.00 AM.**

**Chandigarh
Dated 03.12.2019**

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

**CC to : 1. PIO- Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration,
Kharar
2. Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare,
Punjab, Chandigarh.**

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Sh. Jasbir Singh,
Village Bholapur, Jhabewal,
P.O Ramgarh, Distt Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Civil Surgeon, Tarn Taran.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Civil Surgeon, Tarn Taran.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 779 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The case was first heard on 19.06.2019. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information even after a period of seven months. The respondent was absent. The PIO was issued a show **cause notice under section 20 of the RTI Act and directed to file reply on an affidavit** . The PIO was again directed to provide complete information to the appellant within 15 days.

The case was last heard on **04.09.2019**. Both the parties were absent. The PIO was given one more opportunity to comply with the earlier order of the Commission and be present on the next date of hearing otherwise the Commission will be constrained to take action as per provisions of the RTI Act.

Hearing dated 03.12.2019:

The case has come up for hearing today. Both the parties are absent. The earlier order stands.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **02.03.2020 at 11.00 AM**.

Chandigarh
Dated 03.12.2019

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



Sh. Jasbir Singh,
Village Bholapur, Jhabewal,
P.O Ramgarh, Distt Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

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

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

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 780 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER: The case was first heard on 19.06.2019. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent is absent.

Having gone through the RTI application, it was observed that the appellant has tried to seek information on the steps taken towards implementation of Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005. Section 4 and its subsections pertain to the obligations of the Public Authorities, whereby, the public authorities create a system to maintain records, as well disseminate them suo-motto in easily accessible form, preferably electronic and the Internet, so that the public have minimum resort to use this Act to obtain information.

The Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration, Kharar and Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Punjab were impleaded in this case to give a reply to this RTI query of appellant Jasbir Singh.

Also, as per powers vested Under Section 19(8)(a)(iii) of the RTI Act, the Commission directed the Department of Health & family Welfare to prepare a roadmap for implementation of the Section 4 of this Act and present it at the next date of hearing.

The PIO-O/o Civil Surgeon, Ferozepur was also directed to provide any notification, order to act upon Section 4 of the RTI Act.

The case was last heard on **04.09.2019**. Both the parties were absent. The PIO was given one more opportunity to comply with the earlier order of the Commission and directed to be present on the next date of hearing otherwise the Commission will be constrained to take action as per provisions of the RTI Act.

Hearing dated 03.12.2019:

The case has come up for hearing today. Both the parties are absent. The earlier order stands.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **02.03.2020 at 11.00 AM.**

Sd/-

Chandigarh
Dated 03.12.2019

(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

CC to : 1. PIO- Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration,
Kharar
2. Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare,
Punjab, Chandigarh.



Sh. Jasbir Singh,
Village Bholapur, Jhabewal,
P.O Ramgarh, Distt Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Civil Surgeon, Tarn Taran..

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Civil Surgeon, Tarn Taran.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 785 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The case was first heard on 19.06.2019. The appellant informed that he has received reply from the PIO vide letter dated 29.01.2019 stating that they have not issued any license. The appellant was not satisfied and stated that there are so many manufacturers, wholesale and retail outlets in the District and some-one must have applied for registration and issue of license and have submitted documents.

The respondent was absent. The PIO was directed to relook at the RTI application and provide the information about the vendors who have applied for registration and issue of license.

The case was last heard on **04.09.2019**. Both the parties were absent. In the interest of justice, one more opportunity was granted and the PIO was directed to comply with the earlier order of the Commission and appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing alongwith the explanation for not attending to the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act

Hearing dated 03.12.2019:

The case has come up for hearing today. Both the parties are absent. The earlier order stands.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **02.03.2020 at 11.00 AM**.

Chandigarh
Dated 03.12.2019

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



Sh. Jasbir Singh,
Village Bholapur, Jhabewal,
P.O Ramgarh, Distt Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

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

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

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 786 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER: The case was first heard on 19.06.2019. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information. The Commission has received an email from Food Safety Officer O/o Civil Surgeon, Ferozepur whereby the PIO has sent reply to the appellant on 12.06.2019 stating that they have not issued registration certificates and license under FSSAI. The appellant was not satisfied and stated that there are so many manufacturers, wholesale and retail outlets in the District and some-one must had applied for registration and issue of license and had submitted documents.

The respondent was absent. The PIO was directed to relook at the RTI application and provide the information about the vendors who have applied for registration and issue of license.

The Commission also observed through cases of similar nature, that no distiller, blender or vendor of liquor seemed to have applied for FSSAI certificate, which appears to be in contravention of the FSSAI law, which makes it mandatory to have a license. The Commission impleaded the Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Punjab and the Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Kharar in the case to probe into the matter and come out with a fact finding report of the above mentioned observation.

The case was last heard on **04.09.2019**. Both the parties were absent. The PIO was directed to comply with the earlier order of the Commission and appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing alongwith the explanation for not attending to the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act.

Hearing dated 03.12.2019:

The case has come up for hearing today. Both the parties are absent. The earlier order stands.

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Chandigarh
Dated 03.12.2019

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CC to : 1. PIO- Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration,
Kharar
2. Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare,
Punjab, Chandigarh.



Sh. Jasbir Singh,
Village Bholapur, Jhabewal,
P.O Ramgarh, Distt Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

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

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

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 788 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The case was first heard on 19.06.2019. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provide the information. The respondent was absent and vide email has sought exemption. The Commission also received an email from the PIO-cum-Food Safety Officer O/o Civil Surgeon, Jalandhar whereby the PIO informed that they have sent reply to the appellant on 21.01.2019 stating that they have not issued registration certificates and license under FSSAI. The appellant was not satisfied and stated that there are so many manufacturers, wholesale and retail outlets in the District and some-one must have applied for registration and issue of license and submitted documents.

The PIO was directed to relook at the RTI application and provide the information about the vendors who have applied for registration and issue of license.

The case was last heard on **04.09.2019**. Both the parties were absent. The PIO was directed to comply with the earlier order of the Commission and appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing alongwith the explanation for not providing the information within the time prescribed under the RTI Act.

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