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Sh.Parveen Singh, H No-460, Ward No-18, Street No-2, Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna, Distt Ludhiana.

... Appellant

**Public Information Officer**, O/o XEN. Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Division, Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o SE.

Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Patiala.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 3124 of 2020** 

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Fazar Neer, Asstt.Engineer for the Respondent

#### ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 19.03.2020 has sought information regarding allotment of work from 01.01.2013 till date – copies of all bank guarantees enclosed with the work of tenders allotted – a copy of the list of works of the tenders for which bank guarantee was called - a copy of a section of the Act, notification through which the department can call bank guarantee for the allotment of work and other information as enumerated in the RTI application, concerning the office of Xen Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Fatehgarh Sahib, The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 20.05.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 03.03.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Mohali. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent present pleaded that the information is voluminous and requested some more time to provide the information. The PIO was directed to provide the information within 15 days of the receipt of the order and send a compliance report to the Commission.

On the date of the next hearing on 09.06.2021, as per the representative of the appellant, the information was not provided.

The respondent pleaded that the information was to be collected from different departments, and since only 50% of the staff was allowed in the offices due to the Corona pandemic, complete information could not be collected on time. The respondent, however, was assured to provide complete information within 15 days.

The PIO was directed to comply with the earlier order of the Commission and provide complete information to the appellant within 15 days and send a compliance report to the Commission.

On the date of the last hearing on 28.09.2021, due to a technical fault in the VC, the hearing could not take place. The Case was adjourned.

# Appeal Case No. 3124 of 2020

## Hearing dated 04.01.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Mohali. The respondent present informed that the information has already been supplied to the appellant and the appellant has acknowledged having received the information. The respondent has also sent a copy of the acknowledgement of the appellant which has been taken on the file of the Commission.

The appellant is absent nor is represented.

Since the information has been provided, no further course of action is required. The case is **disposed of and closed**.

Chandigarh Dated 04.01.2022 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

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Sh Pardeep Bhalla, S/o sh Krishan Chand, 34, Mahindrea Colony, Near Rani Ka Bagh,

... Appellant

Versus

#### **Public Information Officer.**

O/o Managing Director, Punjab Health System Corporation, Near Civil Hospital, Phase-6, Mohali.

## First Appellate Authority,

O/o Punjab Health System Corporation, Near Civil Hospital, Phase-6, Mohali.

...Respondent

## Appeal Case No. 1461 of 2021

**PRESENT:** None for the Appellant

Sh.Gurinder Pal Singh, Legal Assistant for the Respondent

#### ORDER:

Amritsar.

The appellant through RTI application dated 24.07.2019 has sought information regarding a complete record of tender relating to civil work having estimates of Rs.5.00 crore or above called by the department during 01.01.2019 to 30.06.2019 – the name of agencies along with the record of submitting documents regarding their technical and financial bids in the tender processed during passing and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Health System Corporation, Mohali. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 04.09.2019 after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 06.09.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 09.09.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The counsel present on behalf of the respondent stated that since the sought information was the personal information of many agencies, it cannot be provided.

After having carefully scrutinized the RTI application and the reply of the counsel for Punjab Health Corporation the following was concluded in the interim order.

- To provide the record of tender relating to civil work having estimated cost of 5 crores or above called by the department from 01.01.2019 to 30.06.2019 along with the name of the agency.
- To file a detailed reply to the Commission regarding the kind of personal information that the respondent's counsel is alluding to in the reply to the RTI for not providing the sought information.

## Appeal Case No. 1461 of 2021

#### Hearing dated 04.01.2022:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar. The respondent is present at Chandigarh and pleaded that the information consisting of 800 pages (tender relating to civil work having estimated cost of 5 crores or above called by the department from 01.01.2019 to 30.06.2019 along with the name of the agency) has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 28.12.2021 through registered post.

Regarding point two, the respondent has submitted the kind of personal information that is contained in the sought information, which was denied to the appellant earlier.

The appellant is absent, nor is represented, nor has communicated any discrepancies.

I have gone through the reply of the PIO. I am in agreement with the PIO for denying the information, which is, personal information of parties (aadhar, income tax returns, etc). There is nothing on the file that establishes that the information should be released for a larger public interest. Point 2 is not to be provided.

No further interference of the Commission is required. The case is **disposed of and closed.** 

Chandigarh Dated:04.01.2022 Sd/(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner