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Sh.Ajit Kapoor, S/o Sh.Desh Raj, R/o H No-118, Ward No-19, Mohalla Dollian Wala, Ferozepur City.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o SSP, Ferozepur.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 23 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Ajit Kapoor as the Complainant

Sh.Sukhdev Singh, ASI for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 12.03.2020 has sought information regarding complete report in respect of complaint (23-R-DSP City) filed by Veera Bai dt.20.03.20218 with attached photograph and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of SSP Ferozepur. The complainant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 24.12.2020.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. The respondent present pleaded that the available information has been provided to the complainant by hand on 04.07.2020. However, as per statement of concerned enquiry officer-cum- ASI,Sh.Joginder Singh, the photographs that the complainant claims to have been attached by Veera Bai in her complaint dated 20.03.20218, were not found enclosed with the complaint.

The Commission has also received a letter from the PIO on 30.04.2021 which has been taken on the file of the Commission. In the said letter, the PIO has stated that as per statement of ASI Joginder Singh-cum-enquiry officer as well as report of DSP(City) Ferozepur, no photographs were found with the complaint of Veera Bai dated 20.03.2018.

Hearing both the parties, the Commission directs the PIO to give this in writing on an affidavit to the complainant with a copy to the Commission.

To come up for compliance on 27.07.2021 at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur.

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Sh. Naresh K Gupta, Whistle Blower, R/o Chowk No-1, Jaitu, Distt Faridkot.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o SSP, Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority, O/o SSP, Faridkot.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 213 of 2021

Present: Sh.Naresh Kumar Gupta as the Appellant

Sh.Rajesh Kumar, Inspector-PS Jaito and Sh.Ramesh Kumar, ASI (RTI)

Branch O/o SSP Faridkot for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 18.09.2020 has sought information on 10 points regarding dates & endorsement number on which all the applications & reports received from any authority in connection with the applicant along with copy of application in last 12 months - order & direction to DSP office Faridkot u/s 6(3) by receiving from his office as copy of any parvana& report - copies of despatch & receipt registers of SSP office Jaito from Sept 2019 - copy of parwana - copy of proceedings done by SSP - action taken by SSP and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of SSP Faridkot. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 17.10.2020 which took no decision on the appeal..

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. The appellant claims that the PIO has not provided the information.

The respondent present pleaded that since the enquiry is pending, the information cannot be provided. The Commission has also received a copy of letter from the PIO on 16.02.2021 vide which the PIO has sent a reply to the appellant on 12.02.2021 stating that since an enquiry is pending with DSP, Jaito, information cannot be provided under section 8(1)(h) of the RTI Act.

Having gone through the record, the Commission observes that the RTI application was filed on 18.09.2020 and the reply has been sent to the appellant only on 12.02.2021, i.e. with a delay of five months. Further the PIO has given one blanket reply for all the points, whereas, there are certain points on which information can be provided. Moreover, the PIO has simply denied the information on the pretext of a pending enquiry without stating how revelation of information could impede the enquiry?

The First Appellate Authority has also not taken any decision on the appeal.

I am marking this to the PIO/SSP Faridkot with the direction to relook at each point of the RTI application and provide information to the appellant as per the provisions of the RTI Act.

To come up for further hearing on **27.07.2021 at 11.00 AM** through a video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.

Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

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Jaitu. Distt Faridkot.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o SSP, Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority, O/o SSP, Faridkot.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 214 of 2021

Present: Sh.Naresh Kumar Gupta as the Appellant

Sh.Rajesh Kumar, Inspector-PS Jaito and Sh.Ramesh Kumar, ASI (RTI)

Branch O/o SSP Faridkot for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 22.09.2020 has sought information on 6 points regarding day to day proceedings/reports done by DSP Jaito on all applications & directions/reports received from any authority in connection with appellant alongwith copy of application No.1908/PC-9/19 in last 12 months - copies of despatch & receipt registers of DSP office Jaito from Sept 2019 - copy of copy of any other complaint filed by Harish Chander against Naresh Kumar alongwith complete file & report of that complainant in DSP Office Jaito - copy of parvana and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of SSP Faridkot. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 21.10.2020 which took no decision on the appeal..

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. The appellant claims that the PIO has not provided the information.

The respondent present pleaded that since the enquiry is pending, the information cannot be provided. The Commission has also received a copy of letter from the PIO on 16.02.2021 vide which the PIO has sent reply to the appellant on 12.02.2021 stating that the enquiry is pending with DSP, Jaito, and the information cannot be provided under section 8(1)(h) of the RTI Act.

Having gone through the record, the Commission observes that the RTI application was filed on 18.09.2020 and the reply has been sent to the appellant only on 12.02.2021, i.e. with a delay of five months. Further the PIO has given one blanket reply for all the points, whereas, there are certain points on which information can be provided. Moreover, the PIO has simply denied the information on the pretext of a pending enquiry without stating how revelation of information could impede the enquiry?

The First Appellate Authority has also not taken any decision on the appeal.

I am marking this to the PIO/SSP Faridkot with the direction to relook at each point of the RTI application and provide information to the appellant as per the provisions of the RTI Act.

To come up for further hearing on **27.07.2021 at 11.00 AM** through a video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.

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Sh. Naresh K Gupta,

Whistle Blower, R/o Chowk No-1,

Jaitu. Distt Faridkot.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o SSP, Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority, O/o SSP, Faridkot.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 215 of 2021

Present: Sh.Naresh Kumar Gupta as the Appellant

Sh.Rajesh Kumar, Inspector-PS Jaito and Sh.Ramesh Kumar, ASI (RTI)

Branch O/o SSP Faridkot for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 18.09.2020 has sought information on 09 points regarding dates & endorsement number of SHO Jaito on which all the applications & reports received from any authority in connection with the applicant vide copy of application in last 12 months - order & direction to P S Jaito u/s 6(3) u/s 6(3) by receiving from his office as copy of any parvana& report - copies of despatch & receipt registers of SSP office Jaito from Sept 2019 - copy of parwana - copy of proceedings done by SHO-and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of SSP Faridkot. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 17.10.2020 which took no decision on the appeal..

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. The appellant claims that the PIO has not provided the information.

The respondent present pleaded that since the enquiry is pending, the information cannot be provided. The Commission has also received a copy of letter from the PIO on 16.02.2021 vide which the PIO has sent reply to the appellant on 12.02.2021 stating that the enquiry is pending with DSP, Jaito, and the information cannot be provided under section 8(1)(h) of the RTI Act.

Having gone through the record, the Commission observes that the RTI application was filed on 18.09.2020 and the reply has been sent to the appellant only on 12.02.2021, i.e. with a delay of five months. Further the PIO has given one blanket reply for all the points, whereas, there are certain points on which information can be provided. Moreover, the PIO has simply denied the information on the pretext of a pending enquiry without stating how revelation of information could impede the enquiry?

The First Appellate Authority has also not taken any decision on the appeal.

I am marking this to the PIO/SSP Faridkot with the direction to relook at each point of the RTI application and provide information to the appellant as per the provisions of the RTI Act.

To come up for further hearing on **27.07.2021 at 11.00 AM** through a video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.

Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

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Sh. Balwant Azad, # 77, Ward No-1, VPO Chabba, Distt Amritsar.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o District Food Supply Officer, Amritsar.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 31 of 2021

Present: None for the Complainant

Sh.Baldev Singh, Sr.Assistant for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 25.05.2020 has sought information regarding details of SC/BC/OBC/General category ration cards with Ration depot No. 12,13,14& 33 for the year 2016-17, 2017-18, 2017-18, 2018-19 & 2020-21 - ration distributed -total number of cardholders - details of new cards and cards rejected and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of District Food Supply Officer, Amritsar. The complainant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 24.12.2020.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar. As per respondent, the information has been sent to the complainant vide letter dated 04.05.2021 with a copy to the Commission.

The Commission has received a copy of letter dated 04.05.2021 from the PIO through email vide which the PIO has sent reply to the complainant that the information relating to points 2 to 6 is available on their website and the information on points 1 & 7 is not available in their record since no separate record is being maintained for the ration cards relating to SC/BC/OBC/General category.

Since this is a complaint case, the Commission observes that there has been an enormous delay of one year in attending to the RTI application. 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 persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

To come up for further hearing on **27.07.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

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Sh. Gorakha Singh, S/o ShChanan Singh, R/o Village DallaRajputan, Tehsil Ajnala, Distt Amritsar.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o DFSO, Amritsar.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 41 of 2021

Present: None for the Complainant

Sh.Harjot Singh, Inspector for the respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 26.10.2020 has sought information regarding action taken on the application dated 11.03.2020 filed for allotment of ration depot after the death of earlier ration depot holder Surinder Singh in village Rajpura Tehsil Ajnala and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of District Food Supply Officer, Amritsar. The complainant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 28.12.2020.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar. As per respondent, after the demise of a depot holder, his dependent is first considered for allotment of depot.

The complainant is absent.

As per record, there is no response of the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act and there has been an enormous delay in attending to the RTI application. 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 persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

To come up for further hearing on **27.07.101** at **11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

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Ms. Harpreet Kaur, D/o Sh Kala Singh, R/o Village DallaRajputan, Tehsil Ajnala, Distt Amritsar.

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o SSP (Rural), Amritsar.

...Respondent

... Complainant

Complaint Case No. 37 of 2021

Present: None for the Complainant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 31.08.2020 has sought information regarding statement of complainant and witnesses in FIR No.93 dated 09..05.2020 u/s 498-A, 494 IPC against Harjit Singh Avtar Singh, Jaso Kaur Surjit Singh & others - list of accused - recovery of goods alongwith list prepared by enquiry officer - name of enquiry officer - reasons for delay in presenting challan in the court and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of SSP, Amritsar(Rural). The complainant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 28.12.2020.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar. Both the parties are absent.

The PIO is directed to re look at the RTI application and send point-wise reply to the complainant with a copy to the Commission.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **27.07.2021 at 11.00 AM** through a video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

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Ms. Harpreet Kaur, D/o Sh Kala Singh, R/o Village DallaRajputan, Tehsil Ajnala, Distt Amritsar.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o SSP (Rural), Amritsar.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 44 of 2021

Present: None for the Complainant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 31.08.2020 has sought information regarding action taken report of Police Station Ajnala on the application dated 30.10.2019 filed to SSP Amritsar alongwith statement - FIR No.93 dated 09.05.2020 u/s 498-A 494 IPC PS Ajnala and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of SSP, Amritsar(Rural). The complainant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 31.12.2020.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar. Both the parties are absent.

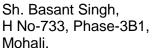
The PIO is directed to re look at the RTI application and send point-wise reply to the complainant with a copy to the Commission.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **27.07.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

Chandigarh Dated 05.05.2021

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... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o SGPC, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Chief Secretary, SGPC, Amritsar.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 55 of 2021

Present: None for the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 01.07..2020 has sought information regarding copy of documents which entitle the SGPC for ownership or any type of right on the basis of which SGPC tried to forcibly evict the persons in possession of land for the purpose of leasing of agriculture land measuring 161 acres - copy of title deeds/rights in favour of SGPC - copy of court order for eviction of said land - ay legal opinion from its legal advisor of SGPC to get possession and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of SGPC Amritsar. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 19.08.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar. Both the parties are absent.

The PIO is directed to re look at the RTI application and send point-wise reply to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **27.07.2021** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

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Sh. Jagdish Lal S/o Sh. Mohan Lal, Kothi No-108, Rajguru Street, Near Bhagat Singh Colony, Ferozepur City.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Chief Secretary, Local Govt, Sector-35-A, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 733 of 2020

Present: None for the Complainant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 16.06.2020 has sought information regarding name of officer authorized to whom complaints for posting/transfer of EO can be filed and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Chief Secretary Local Govt. Punjab, Chandigarh. The complainant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 05.10.2020.

The case came up for hearing on 08.03.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot Both the parties are absent. The case was adjourned.

Hearing dated 05.05.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. Both the parties are absent.

The complainant vide letter received in the Commission on 03.05.2021 has informed that the PIO has not provided the information.

The respondent is absent on 2nd consecutive hearing. There has been an enormous delay of ten months in attending to the RTI application. 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 persons 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 **27.07.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur. The PIO to appear through video conferencing at DAC Mohali.

Chandigarh Dated 05.05.2021