



Sh.Parkash Singh,
R/o 1831, Opposite Dera Kalsia,
Millar Ganj, Ludhiana.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director,
Local Bodies, Sector-35-A,
Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 748 of 2020

Present: None for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 08.06.2020 has sought information on 12 points regarding joining date of superintendent in Zone-A MC Ludhiana alongwith his salary at the time of joining and present salary – detail of penalty imposed by State Information Commission – complaints against the superintendent pending – vehicle allotted to the superintendent – house rent being paid – family members details and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Director Local Bodies, Pb Chandigarh. The complainant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 06.10.2020.

The case last came up for hearing on 02.03.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Both the parties were absent. The case was adjourned.

Hearing dated 08.06.2021:

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

Having gone through the record, 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.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **27.09.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The PIO to appear through VC at DAC **Mohali.**

Chandigarh
Dated 08.06.2021

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner

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Sh. Ramandeep Singh,
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Distt Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Local Govt,
Sector-35-A, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2825 of 2020

Present: None for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 24.04.2020 has sought information regarding the complete file of the complaint along with written statements recorded, copy of complaint, notings and action taken report in regard to complaints filed on 05.01.2017 against EO Sh.Chetan Sharma, Municipal Engineer Rajiv Kumar, AME and the Sanitary Inspector of MC Nangal and other information concerning the office of Secretary Local Govt. Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 01.06.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 02.03.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The appellant claimed that no information has been provided by the PIO.

The respondent was absent. The PIO was directed to provide whatever action has been taken on the complaint of the appellant along with necessary correspondence/notings and send a compliance report to the Commission.

The PIO was also directed to appear personally before the Commission on the next date of hearing and explain the reasons for not attending to the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act.

Hearing dated 08.06.2021:

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

At the last hearing, the PIO was directed to appear personally before the Commission on the next date of hearing but the PIO has chosen not to appear. The Commission has received a copy of a letter dated 16.03.2021 from the PIO vide which the PIO has sent a reply to the appellant stating that they have asked Regional Deputy Director, Local Govt Department, Ludhiana vide letters dated 03.04.2021, 28.08.2020 & 03.02.2021 to complete the enquiry and send enquiry report but the same has yet not been received. The PIO has also sent copies of correspondence made with the Regional Dy Director, Local Govt. Ludhiana which has been taken on the file of the Commission.

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The PIO- Regional Dy. Director, Department of Local Govt. Pb Ludhiana is impleaded in the case and directed to provide to the appellant whatever information they have on the matter with a copy to the Commission.

The appellant is also directed to appear on the next date of hearing to pursue the case.

To come up for further hearing on **27.09.2021** 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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CC to PIO-Regional Deputy Director,
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First Appellate Authority,
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Sector-35-A, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2826 of 2020

Present: None for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 24.04.2020 has sought information regarding the complete file of the complaint along with written statements recorded, copy of complaint, notings and action taken report in regard to the complaint filed on 02.02.2017 against EO Sh.Chetan Sharma, Municipal Engineer Rajiv Kumar, AME and Madan Suman, JE of MC Nangal and other information concerning the office of Secretary Local Govt. Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 01.06.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing 02.03.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The appellant claimed that no information has been provided by the PIO.

The respondent was absent. The PIO was directed to provide whatever action has been taken on the complaint of the appellant along with necessary correspondence/notings and send a compliance report to the Commission. The PIO was also directed to appear personally before the Commission on the next date of hearing and explain the reasons for not attending to the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act.

Hearing dated 08.06.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/Mohali.

The appellant is absent and vide email has informed that the PIO has not supplied the information.

At the last hearing, the PIO was absent. The PIO was directed to appear personally before the Commission on the next date of hearing and explain the reasons for not attending to the RTI application but the PIO has chosen not to appear nor has supplied the information. There has been an enormous delay of more than 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.

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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 **27.09.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The PIO to appear through VC at DAC Mohali..

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...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
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Dakshin Marg, Sector-35, Chadigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Local Govt. Deptt.
Municipal Bhawan, Plot N o-3,
Dakshin Marg,
Sector-35, Chandigarh.

..Respondent

Appeal Case No. 640 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 27.01.2020 has sought information on 09 points regarding the resolution of MC, estimates, tenders invited and submitted, work permit released for laying 300 ft sewage lane and street on Sekhon street on College road, contractors/persons involved in laying the street, letter of permission and other information concerning the office of Director, Local Govt. Department, Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 30.01.2020 which took no decision on the appeal. The appellant had filed an appeal under Life & Liberty. However, as per the order of the Hon'ble CIC, the case is being considered under general category.

The case first came up for hearing on 17.08.2020 through video conferencing facility at DAC Ludhiana. Both the parties were absent.

The Commission received a letter from Superintendent (Personnel Branch) O/o Director Local Govt. vide which they had asked the Executive Officer, NC Mullanpur Dakha to provide the information and attend the hearing in the Commission. It appeared that the information was in the custody of Executive Officer, NC Mullanpur Dakha. The PIO- Estate Officer, NC Mullanpur Dakha was directed to look at the RTI application and provide the information as per the RTI Act. The case was adjourned.

On the date of next hearing on 29.09.2020, the appellant vide email has informed that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent was absent. The case was adjourned.

On the date of hearing on **02.03.2021**, the appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information. The appellant vide email also informed that the information relating to point No.4,5 & 6 directly relates to the PIO/Director Local Govt Punjab whereas the PIO-Director Local Govt has transferred the entire application to EO-NC Mullanpur Dhakha after a lapse of six months which is a clear violation of the provisions of RTI Act.

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The PIO-Director, Local Govt. Punjab was directed to relook at the RTI application and provide information on points 4 to 6.

The PIO-NC Mullanpur Dhakha was absent. The PIO-NC Mullanpur Dhakha was given one last opportunity to provide information to the appellant and appear personally before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with an explanation for not attending to the RTI application transferred by the PIO-Director Local Govt. Punjab on 13.08.2020, failure to which attract action under section 20 of the RTI Act.

Hearing dated 08.06.2021:

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

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **27.09.2021 at 11.00 AM** through a video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, **Ludhiana**.
The PIO to appear through VC at DAC Mohali.

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