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Sh Sohan Lal Jain, H No-136-G,Gobind Nagar, Model Town, Patiala.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare, Sector-34, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare, Sector-34, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1359 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Gurpreet Singh, Sr.Asstt. and Ms.Anju, Sr.Asstt. for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 29.06.2020 has sought information regarding details of calculation of interest on GPF in respect of GPF No.DNSPCMS3374 communicated vide letter dated 04.60.2020 – a copy of Govt instruction for final settlement of GPF – a copy of ACR for 2018-19 –a copy of the personal file and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of the Department of Director Health and Family Welfare, Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not satisfied with the information provided by the PIO vide letter dated 06.08.2021 after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 19.10.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Patiala/Mohali. As per the respondent, the information on points-1 & 2 has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 06.08.2020 and again on 12.08.2021 with a copy to the Commission. The Commission has received a copy of a letter dated 12.08.2021 which has been taken on the file of the Commission.

Regarding information on points 3 & 4, the respondent informed that the appellant was asked vide letter No.3028 dated 29.07.2020 to deposit requisite fee of Rs.894/-(Rs.744/- for 372 pages plus Rs.150/- postal expenses), which the appellant did not deposit nor sent any communication.

The appellant is absent without any legitimate reasons for the absence, nor has been represented, and neither communicated any discrepancies

I have gone through the RTI application and the information provided on point-1 & 2 and find that the information has been provided to the best possible extent.

Further, regarding the information on points 3 & 4, I have gone through the facts of the case and considering the pressure on the Health Department due to the Covid-19 situation, I condone the delay in raising the fee for the information sought. Hence, if the appellant is still interested in procuring the information on points 3 & 4 the appellant can procure by depositing the requisite fee raised by the PIO.

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

Chandigarh
Dated:08.09.2021

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Sh Sukhwant Singh, H NO-113, Village Dhanas, Chandigarh.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Pb, Sector-37-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O O/o State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Pb, Sector-37-A, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

...Appellant

Appeal Case No. 1410 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Ravinder Goyal, Suptd. and Sh.Vinay Sharma, Sr.Assistant for the

Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through the RTI application dated 29.09.2020 has sought information regarding action taken on the complaint dated 11.09.2020 along with other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 26.10.2020 after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 26.11.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Mohali. The respondent present pleaded that the information has already been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 26.10.2020 and 06.11.2020.

The appellant is absent.

Having gone through the record, the Commission observes that the PIO has sent a reply on 26.10.2020 that no action has been taken on the complaint of the appellant.

I find that since the RTI application has been suitably replied to (the status of the complaint till the date of filing of the RTI application has been provided), I find no further intervention is required in the matter.

The case is **disposed of and closed**.

Chandigarh Dated:08.09.2021

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Sh Sohan Lal Jain, H No-1355, 1st Floor, Sector-68, Mohali.

Versus

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

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

...Respondent

... Appellant

Appeal Case No. 1497 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Dr.Baljit Kaur for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 15.10.2020 has sought information on 12 points regarding attendance register of staff for the years 2017,2018,2019 & 2020 – leave a record of officials of Civil Surgeon office and district office – govt instruction for action on leave encashment – dispatch register of E-2 branch – action taken on casual leave application, earned leave application – record sent to AG Punjab for fixation of pension – a copy of the personal file and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Civil Surgeon, Mansa. The appellant was not satisfied with the information provided by the PIO vide letter dated 29.10.2020 after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 23.11.2020 which disposed of the appeal on 03.12.2020.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Patiala/Mansa. The respondent present pleaded that they received the RTI application on 22.10.2020 after which the appellant was asked to (letter dated 29.10.2020) deposit a fee of Rs.4804/- for 2402 pages which the appellant deposited on 30.10.2020.

Further, since the information was voluminous, the appellant in the said letter was given two options - to send an envelope along with postal stamps for dispatching the information through registered post or collect the information physically by visiting the office of PIO on any working day.

The respondent further informed that the information is ready but the appellant has not collected the information in spite of reminders through letters dated 25.11.2020 & 03.12.2020.

The appellant is absent.

The Commission observes that even though the PIO has repeatedly asked the appellant to collect the information, it has failed to raise any postal cost in any of the communication, which clearly should have been done for the appellant to take the next step of depositing the postal fee to procure the sought information. It is sheer common sense that if the appellant was asked to deposit an amount, he/she should have been made aware of the postal charges required to dispatch 2402 pages, for how can one come to know of the cost without being informed.

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This is gross inept handling of the RTI application; hence I am directing the PIO to send the information (2402 pages) free of postal cost. The postal cost is to be borne by the department.

The information be sent within a week along with an intimation to the commission.

With the above order, the case is **disposed of and closed**. However, the Commission makes it clear that if the information is not supplied as per order, the appellant is free to come to the Commission again.

Chandigarh Dated:08.09.2021

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Sh Satish Kumar, S/o Sh Joginder Pal, Gali NO-6, Sidhu Nagari. Abohar, Tehsil Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare, Pariwar Kalyan Bhawan, Sector-34-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare, Pariwar Kalyan Bhawan, Sector-34-A, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1665 of 2021

PRESENT: None for the appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 28.12.2020 has sought information on 12 points regarding the copy of the rule under which the reimbursement of the medical bill (which was sent to NC above which sent to Civil Surgeon Fazilka for reimbursement which further sent to Director Health & Family Welfare for approval) was approved for Rs.177775/- against the bill of 546424/- resulting deduction of Rs.368649/- - detail of deductions — a copy of the empanelment of Akai Hospital Ludhiana and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Director Health and Family Welfare, Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not satisfied with the information provided by the PIO vide letter dated 27.01.2021 after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 09.02.2021 which disposed of the appeal on 19.02.2021.

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

The Commission has received a letter from the PIO on 09.08.2021 stating that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 19.02.2021.

The appellant vide letter received in the commission on 08.06.2021 has informed that he has received the information and his appeal case be closed.

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

Chandigarh
Dated:08.09.2021