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Smt Gurmeet Kaur Kwatra, E-457, Ground Floor, Greater Kailash –II, New Delhi..

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Civil Hospital, Pathankot.

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

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3724 of 2020

PRESENT: Smt.Gurmeet Kaur as the Appellant on Whatsapp

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 05.04.2018 has sought information on 10 points regarding details of patients referred by Civil Hospital Pathankot to Guru Nanak Medical College, Amritsar from 31.03.2012 to 28.02.2015 and 31.03.2015 to 31.03.2018 – the details of drivers of ambulances along with the logbooks for the last 6 years – appointment letters of new drivers of the ambulances – total funds allocated to the Civil Hospital Pathankot – Syrup, Corex received by the Pathankot hospital –contracts entered for the canteen, cycle stand and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Civil Hospital Pathankot.

That the appellant, not satisfied with the information provided by the PIO, filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 06.12.2019, which took no decision on the appeal.

That after the filing of the first appeal, the PIO did send some information to the appellant vide letter dated 06.01.2020.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Pathankot. The respondent is absent.

The Commission has received a letter from the PIO on 20.04.2021 stating that they have already sent the information to the appellant vide letter date 16.04.2018, 25.02.2019 and 06.01.2021 and a copy of CD containing all relevant information is being sent to the Commission. The PIO has further mentioned in the letter that a representative of the appellant also visited their office and inspected the record and gave a statement that they are satisfied with the provided information.

As per appellant, the information provided by the PIO is incomplete.

Since the appellant is in disagreement of what has been provided, PIO is directed to provide an affidavit, in which it is stated that, whatever the information has been provided is true, complete and no further information is available relating to this RTI application.

To come up for further hearing on **13.12.2021** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot.

Chandigarh Dated:09.08.2021 Sd/(Khushwant Singh)
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Sh Navdeep Gupta, # 04, Nimrit Villa, Mansahia Colony, Patiala.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Director, Food & Supplies, Sec-39-C, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Director, Food & Supplies, Sec-39-C, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4035 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Navdeep Gupta as the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 27.08.2020 has sought information regarding 24.69 lakhs ration packets distributed during lockdown period to the poor and labour class – district wise details of discrepancy in data updated by Covid-19 control room – responsibility fixed for the gap of actual packets prepared for the purpose and distributed – Amount received from the State Govt and Central Govt. – printing cost of inscription on 24.69 lacs ration packets and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Director Food & Supply Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 27.10.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

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

The respondent is absent without any legitimate reasons for the absence.

Having gone through the record, the Commission observes that there has been an enormous delay of one year in providing the information. The PIO is directed to explain the reasons for not attending to the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act.

The PIO is again directed to provide information to the appellant and send a compliance report to the Commission.

To come up for further hearing on **13.12.2021** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala. The PIO to appear through VC at DAC Mohali.

Sd/-

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Sh Navdeep Gupta, # 04, Nimrit Villa, Mansahia Colony, Patiala.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer.

O/o Directorate of Health Services & Family Welfare, Pb, Sector-34-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Directorate of Health Services & Family Welfare, Pb, Sector-34-A, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4031 of 2020

PRESENT: **Sh.Navdeep Gupta as the Appellant**

Sh.Harjot Singh, APIO and Ms.Shalu Sood, Accountant O/o National Health

Mission, Pb for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 27.08.2020 has sought information regarding amount of grant provided per person for the treatment of Covid-19 positive case by Punjab Govt, Central Gov. and WHO and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Directorate of Health and Family Welfare, Pb Chandigarh. was not satisfied with the information provided by the PIO provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 27.10.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Patiala/Mohali. The respondent present pleaded that they received the RTI application on 02.12.2020 through Directorate of Health Services & Family Welfare and the reply was sent to the appellant vide letter dated 15.01.2021.

The Commission has received a copy of letter from the PIO-National Health Mission, Punjab on 09.06.2021 vide which the PIO has sent reply to the appellant that no grant was provided per person for the treatment of a Covid-19 positive case by NHM.

The appellant is not satisfied with the information provided and pleaded that he has sought information from the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare regarding the grant received/provided by Punjab Govt., Central Govt and WHO.

The PIO-National Health Mission is exempted.

The case is sent back to the Directorate of Health Services & Family Welfare, Pb with the direction to file an appropriate reply if any 'per person' grant was issued by the Punjab Govt., the Central Govt or WHO.

To come up for further hearing on 13.12.2021 at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala. The PIO to appear though VC at DAC Mohali. Sd/-

Chandigarh Dated:09.08.2021

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Sh. Gafoor Mohanned, # 7, Rose Avenue Malerkotla, Sangrur.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Civil Surgeon-cum-, Registrar, Birth & Deaths, Sangrur.

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

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3732 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Dr.S.J.Singh and Sh.Deepak Bansal, Suptd. for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 11.06.2020 has sought information regarding copy of register of death and birth relating to VPO Banbhaura, PS Amargr from the year 1950 to 31.12.1970 and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Civil Surgeon-cum-, Registrar, Birth & Deaths, Sangrur. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 02.09.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Patiala/Sangrur. The respondent present pleaded that the information that has been sought by the appellant is not readily available and has to be created and the reply has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 12.02.2021.

The appellant is absent.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **13.12.2021** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur.

Sd/-

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Sh. Manjit Singh, S/o Sh. Jagat Singh, Village Kathgarh, P.O Chak Varoka, Tehsil Jalalabad, (East), Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Food and Drugs Administration Deptt,

Family Welfare. Guru Teg bahadur Nagar, Kharar.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3947 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Manjit Singh as the Appellant

Sh.Anurag, Drug Inspector for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 08.09.2020 has sought information regarding action taken on the application dated 01.06.2020 filed against Vinod Kumar s/o Babu Ram and Rubinder Kumar s/o Subhash Chander and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Civil Surgeon Fazilka. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 08.10.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Fazilka. The respondent present pleaded that a reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 28.12.2020 and again on 01.03.2021

The appellant is not satisfied with the information provided and wants the full details of the action taken on his application of 01.06.2020.

The PIO is directed to provide whatever action has been taken on the application dated 01.06.2020 (along with noting/correspondence) to the appellant within ten days and send a compliance report to the Commission.

To come up for further hearing on **13.12.2021** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.

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Sh. Amar Dass Mann, S/o Sh Sampooran Singh, R/o Dharmpura, Tehsil Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o District controller. Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District controller. Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Fazilka.

..Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3825 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Amit Gilla, Inspector for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through an RTI application dated 29.06.2020 has sought information regarding copy of complaint and diary no. of complaint dated 02.05.2020 filed by Sarpanch Gram Panchayat village Dharmpura and villagers collectively against depot holder Radha Krishan and Kahna Ram - action taken on the complaint - statement of complainants statement of both parties and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of District Controller, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Fazilka. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 21.08.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Fazilka. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been supplied to the appellant.

The appellant is absent and vide letter received in the Commission on 08.06.2021 has informed that the PIO has sent reply relating to points 03 to 07 vide letter dated 16.04.2021 whereby the PIO has denied information on points 3 & 4 stating that the information is 3rd party and no information on points 1,2, 5,6 7 & 8 has been provided.

The appellant is directed to appear on the next date of hearing and plead the case.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on 13.12.2021 at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.

Sd/-

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Sh. Gurmeet Singh, S/o Sh. Balwinder Singh, R/o Village Jandwala Kharta, Tehsil & Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o District Food and Supplies Controller, DC Complex, Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director,
Food and Supplies and Consumer Affairs,
Sector-39-D, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3998 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Gurmeet Singh as the appellant

Sh.Sudhir Kumar, AFSO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 27.07.2020 has sought information regarding name of officer handling the complaint dated 13.03.2020 filed against Jagtar Singh depot holder Jhandwala, Karam Chand Inspector & AFSO Simarjit Singh – action taken on the complaint - time period for disposal of complaint – statement of witnesses and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of District Food and Supplies Controller Fazilka. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 09.10.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Fazilka. 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 PIO has, however, not replied to the RTI application. From the facts on the file there is prima facie evidence that there has been a 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. 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 **13.12.2021** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.

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Sh. Manjit Singh, S/o Sh. Jagat Singh, Village Kathgarh, Tehsil Jalalabad (East), Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Food and Drugs Administration Deptt,
Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar, Kharar.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3657 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Manjit Singh as the Appellant

Sh.Anurag, Drug Inspector for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 31.08.2020 has sought information regarding action taken on the complaint dated 10.07.2020 and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Civil Surgeon Fazilka. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 01.10.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Fazilka. The respondent present pleaded that a reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 28.12.2020 and again on 01.03.2021

The appellant is not satisfied with the reply and wants action taken on his application dated 10.07.2020.

The PIO is directed to provide whatever action has been taken on the application dated 01.06.2020 (along with noting/correspondence) to the appellant within ten days and send a compliance report to the Commission.

To come up for further hearing on **13.12.2021** at 11.00 AM through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.

Sd/-

(Khushwant Singh)
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... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

Xen, Water Supply & Sanitation Div.No.1, Batala, Distt.Gurdaspur

First Appellate Authority,

S.E., Water Supply & Sanitation, Circle, Gurdaspur.

..Respondent

Appeal Case No. 610 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant None for the Respondent

ORDER: This order should be read in continuation to the previous order.

The case was first heard on 05.08.2020. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent present pleaded that the action was being taken on the medical bill of the appellant. Having gone through the record, the Commission observed that there has been an enormous delay of more than 11 months in attending to the RTI application. The PIO was issued a **show cause notice Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 and directed to file a reply on an affidavit.** The PIO was again directed to provide the information to the appellant within 15days.

On the date of next hearing on **14.09.2020**, the Commission received a letter diary No.11359 on 04.09.2020 from the appellant stating that despite order of the Commission, the PIO has not provided the information.

The respondent was absent nor had filed any reply to the show cause notice issued on 05.08.2020 as well as not provided the information.

To secure an erring PIO"s presence before the Commission, a **bailable Warrant of the PIO-**Xen Water Supply & Sanitation Division No.1, Batala was issued under section 18(3) through Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur for his presence before the Commission on **21.10.2020**, **which d**ate was postponed to 01.12.2020. **The PIO** was also directed to provide information to the appellant within 10 days of the receipt of this order. The First Appellate Authority, S.E.Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Gurdaspur was also directed to ensure compliance of this order.

The case again came up for hearing on 01.12.2020 through video conferencing at DAC Gurdaspur. Due to technical reasons, the hearing could not take place.

The commission received an email from Sh.Sukhdeep Singh Dhaliwal, Xen Water Supply & Sanitation Division No.1, Batala stating that the reply has been sent to the appellant. The case was adjourned.

Appeal Case No. 610 of 2020

On the date of the last hearing on **15.03.2021**, both the parties were absent. The PIO was given one last opportunity to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with the reply to the show cause notice.

A copy of the order was sent again to **Senior Superintendent of Police Gurdaspur** to ensure the appearance of the PIO- Xen Water Supply & Sanitation Division No.1 Batala before the Commission on **20.04.2021 at 11.00 AM at Red Cross Building, Sector 16, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh.** A copy of the bailable warrant of production dated 14.09.2020 was enclosed for reference. The First Appellate Authority was also directed to ensure compliance of this order. However, the hearing of 20.04.2021 was postponed for 09.08.2021.

Hearing dated 09.08.2021:

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

The PIO vide letter received in the Commission on 20.04.2021 has informed that the information has been provided to the appellant and the appellant has acknowledged having received the information and is satisfied. The PIO has sent acknowledgement of the appellant which has been taken on the file of the Commission.

However, in this instance the PIO has not complied with the order of the Commission to appear before the Commission personally despite issue of bailable warrants u/s 18(3).

The PIO is given one last opportunity and directed to ensure his presence before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with written reply on an affidavit. If the PIO fails to appear, a decision will be taken ex parte.

To come up for further hearing on 28.09.2021 at 11.00 AM.

Chandigarh Dated:09.08.2021 Sd/(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

CC to: 1. Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur

2. The First Appellate Authoritycum-S.E.Water Supply & Sanitation, Circle, Gurdaspur