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Sh. Sarvan Kumar, S/o Shri Jaman Dass,
R/o Street No. 2, Near Sri Ram Mandir,
Patiala Gate, Patiala

....Appellant

..Vs

Registered post: Public Information Officer,
O/o SDM, Sangrur

First Appellate Authority
o/o DC, Sangrur

.....Respondent

AC No. 862 of 2020

Through CISCO webex

Present: (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Birsukhpal Singh, Jr. Assistant (9878020003)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.07.2020.

2. Today the appellant is absent. He has informed on phone that incomplete information has been received by him and he has sought another date.

3. The Respondent states that the required information has already been given to the appellant

4. Since , the appellant is absent and he wants another date, the appeal is adjourned on **01.12.2020 at 11.00 AM through CISCO WEBEX**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sd/-

Dated :09.09.2020

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(Through Registered Post)

Sh. Tejinder Singh (Advocate),
R/o Village Bholapur, Post Office Ramgarh,
Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana- 141123

-----Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner Food and Drugs Administration,
Near Civil Hospital, Kharar, Distt. SAS Nagar

First Appellate Authority
O/o Food Safety Commissioner,
Punjab, Mohali

-----Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1817 of 2019
Through CISCO-WEBEX

Present: None for the parties

ORDER

The brief fact of the case is that the appellant Sh. Tejinder Singh has demanded information on 04.10.2018 from the Public Information Officer (PIO). On receiving no information from the respondent Public Information Officer (hereinafter PIO), the appellant filed first appeal with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 13.12.2018 and second appeal in the Commission on 14.05.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 06.08.2019 in the Commission.

3. On 06.08.2019, the respondent was absent and the appellant stated that no information has been given to him. Accordingly the appeal was adjourned. On the next four hearings i.e. 11.09.2019, 16.10.2019, 03.12.2019, 21.01.2020 the respondent was again absent. On 11.02.2020 the respondent had sought another date. After that the respondent was again absent for four consecutive hearings.

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Appeal Case No. 1817 of 2019

4. Today again the respondent is not present. On 06.07.2020, a show cause notice was issued to the respondent –PIO, but till today neither the respondent has filed his/her reply nor has he/she provided the information to the appellant. Despite repeated hearings in the Commission, Respondent has failed to provide the information. There has, however, been inordinate delay in properly dealing with and replying to the information request submitted by the Appellant. In this regard action under Section 20(1) RTI Act was initiated against the respondent-PIO. During the pendency of the proceedings of this case, the respondent-PIO was directed to submit an affidavit showing cause why action under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act be not taken against him/her. He/She was also given the opportunity of personal hearing. He/she has, however, failed to attend any of the hearings despite registered letters sent to her. I am, therefore, left with no other option but to decide the question of imposition of penalty upon the respondent-PIO in his/her absence and without the benefit of any reply by him/her. From the material on record, it transpires that there has been unnecessary delay in conveying the correct State of affairs to the appellant in regard to his request for information. No explanation for delay has been given by the respondent-PIO so far. Rather, his/her failure to even respond to the show cause direction by the Commission reinforces the fact that he/she has been without any reasonable cause guilty of remissness in the discharge of his/her duties. He/she is, therefore, deserves to be penalized. **I impose a penalty of Rs. 5000/- on the respondent-PIO. He/She** is directed to deposit this amount in the Treasury before the next date of hearing. Commissioner Food and Drugs Administration is also directed to ensure that in case the respondent-PIO does not deposit the amount of penalty within one week, the penalty amount is recovered from the salary of the

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respondent-PIO and a compliance report in this regard be sent to the Commission before the next date of hearing.

5. Adjourned to **01.12.2020 (at 11.00 AM)** for further proceedings through CISCO WEBEX. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Chandigarh
Dated: 09.09.2020

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- CC: 1. Smt Kamlesh Kumari O/o Commissioner Food and Drugs Administration, Near Civil Hospital, Kharar, Distt. SAS Nagar
2. Commissioner Food and Drugs Administration, Near Civil Hospital, Kharar, Distt. SAS Nagar

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Dr Kuldip Singh, S/o S. Harnek Singh,
#4319, Ward No.13, G.T Road, Bara, Sirhind
Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib-140406 (94173-55095)

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director Research and Medical Education, Punjab
Medical Education Bhawan, 1st Floor,
Phase-69, SAS Nagar, Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director Research and Medical Education, Punjab
Medical Education Bhawan, 1st Floor,
Phase-69, SAS Nagar, Mohali

.....Respondent

AC No. 1504 of 2020

Through CISCO-WEBEX

Present: (i) Dr Kuldip Singh, the Appellant
(ii) For the Respondent: Sh Tejinder Pal Singh, Sr Asstt.(94635-38323)

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 19.02.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.06.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 15.07.2020 through CISCO-Webex. However, the case could not be heard on 15.07.2020 and was postponed for hearing on 09.09.2020, i.e, today through CISCO-WEBEX (video-conferencing application)
3. Today, the Appellant states that no information has been provided to him so far.
4. The Respondent – Sh. Tejinder Pal Singh states that the information demanded by the Appellant is not clear. Hence, the information could not be provided. He has also filed his reply vide Commission diary no. 7632 dated 02.07.2020 regarding the same, which is taken on record.

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AC No. 1504 of 2020

5. Today all the points have been discussed between both the parties. Accordingly, the Respondent is directed to provide information to the Respondent before the next date of hearing.

6. To come up for further proceedings on **24.11.2020 at 11:00AM through CISCO-WEBEX (Video-Conferencing application)**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 09.09.2020

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Dr Kuldeep Singh, S/o S. Harnek Singh,
#4319, Ward No.13, G.T Road, Bara, Sirhind
Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib-140406 (94173-55095)

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Sri Guru Ram Dass University of Health Science,
Amritsar

First Appellate Authority

O/o Registrar, O/o Shri Guru Ram Dass University of Health Science, AmritsarRespondent

AC No. 1505 of 2020
Through CISCO-WEBEX

Present: (i) Dr Kuldeep Singh, the Appellant

(ii) For the Respondent: Sh APS Sandhu, counsel for the Respondent(9915100115)

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 11.02.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.06.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 15.07.2020 through CISCO-Webex. However, the case could not be heard on 15.07.2020 and was postponed for hearing on 09.09.2020, i.e, today through CISCO-WEBEX (video-conferencing application)

3. The Appellant states that no information has been provided to him so far.

4. The counsel for the Respondent states that their institute, Sri Guru Ram Dass University of Health Science, Amritsar is not covered under the RTI Act. He has sought some time for filing his reply in this regard.

5. In view of the above, sometime is granted to the Respondent to file his reply. To come up for further proceedings on **24.11.2020 at 11:00AM through CISCO-WEBEX (Video-Conferencing application)**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Sh Kuldeep Singh,

R/o 437/A, Model Town Extension,

Ludhiana

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o MC, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority

O/o MC, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No. 3633 of 2019
Through CISCO-WEBEX

Present: (i) None for the Appellant

(ii) For the Respondent: Sh Rajeev Bhardwaj, Supdt. (96460-08499)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 05.08.2020 vide which show-cause notice was issued to PIO O/o MC, Ludhiana.

2. Today, PIO-Sh Rajeev Bhardwaj, Supdt. is appearing personally and states that the information has been provided to the Appellant.

3. The Appellant is not present today.

4. The perusal of the file shows that the Respondent-PIO has failed to file his reply to the show-cause notice. Hence, the Respondent-PIO is again given an opportunity to file his reply to the show-cause notice before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up for further proceedings on **01.12.2020 at 11:00AM through CISCO-WEBEX (Video-Conferencing application)**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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