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Ms Ravinder Kaur, D/o Sh Baghwan Singh,  
R/o Ghor Mohalla, Ward No-6,  
Zira, Distt.Ferozepur.

...Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o SDO, PSPCL,  
Zira, Distt Ferozepur

..... Respondent

**Complaint Case No. 804 of 2019**

**PRESENT: None for the Complainant**  
**Sh.Damanjit Singh, SE-PSPCL Circle Ferozepur for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The complainant through RTI application dated 23.07.2019 has sought information regarding power connection No.AP-34/2755(7.1/2 BHP) Bhagwan Singh s/o Atma Singh of Zira and other information concerning the office of SDO PSPCL Zira. The complainant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 04.09.2019.

The case was first heard on 06.01.2020. Both the parties were absent. The case was adjourned.

The case was again heard on **27.01.2020**. The counsel appeared on behalf of the complainant informed that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent was absent on 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive hearing. The Commission observed that the complainant has filed RTI application on 23.07.2019 but has not gone to the First Appellate Authority. The Commission remanded back the case to First Appellate Authority with the direction to hear the case and dispose of the appeal within 30 days.

The Commission further observes that there has been an enormous delay of six months in attending to the RTI application by the PIO. The PIO was issued a **show cause notice under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 and directed to file a reply on an affidavit.**

Sh.Santokh Singh, AE O/o PSPCL Zira appeared late and informed that the information has been sent to the complainant. He was informed that the case stands adjourned.

On the date of last hearing on **23.06.2020**, the respondent present pleaded that the information was sent to the complainant vide letter dated 09.09.2019 but the same was received back due to incomplete address. The appellant was absent. The appellant was directed to contact the PIO and provide the correct address as well as collect the information.

The PIO was absent nor had sent any reply to the show cause notice issued on 27.01.2020 for delay in attending to the RTI application. The PIO was given one last opportunity to appear personally on the next date of hearing and file a reply to the show cause notice on an affidavit otherwise the Commission will be constrained to take action against the PIO as per provision of RTI Act.

**Complaint Case No. 804 of 2019**

**Hearing dated 09.12.2020:**

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. The respondent present pleaded that after the information sent earlier to the appellant was returned back by the postal department as undelivered they contacted the appellant on her mobile, and came to know that she was travelling abroad, after which the information was sent to the appellant via an email.

The appellant is absent. The Commission's notice served to the appellant (6.11.2020) for the hearing of today has also been returned back by the postal department with the remarks of postal authority "left India" thus corroborating the plea of the respondent.

The Commission has also received a reply to the show cause notice from the PIO on 20.08.2020 which has been taken on the file of the Commission.

Since the information stands provided via an email and the above circumstances clearly indicate that the delay caused was not because of any malafide intention on the part of the PIO, I accept the plea of the PIO and drop the show cause. And since the case was remanded back to the first appellate to hear it as per the RTI Act, but the information has already been provided, the first appellate is also directed to close the case.

No further course of action is required. The case is **disposed off and closed**.

Sd/-

**Chandigarh  
Dated 09.12.2020**

**(Khushwant Singh)  
State Information Commissioner**

**CC to: Superintending Engineer,  
PSPCL Circle Ferozepur Cantt.  
Ferozepur.**



Sh Yogesh Mahajan, S/o Sh Kuldeep Raj Mahajan,  
Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market,  
Mission Road, Pathankot.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o XEN,  
Water Supply & Sanitation, Division-2,  
Ferozepur.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o SE,  
Water Supply & Sanitation,  
Circle, Ferozepur

..... Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1264 of 2020**

**PRESENT: None for the Appellant**

**Sh.Jaswant Singh, SDO O/o W/S & Sanitation Div.-2, Fzr for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant through RTI application dated 06.01.2020 has sought information regarding works undertaken/carried out during 06.01.2019 to 06.01.2020 in Sub Division Guruharsahai, Mamdot – copies of work order book in all divisions from 06.01.2019 to 06.01.2020 – comparative statements of other works and other information from the office of XEN, Water Supply and Sanitation, Division No.2, Ferozepur. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 05.02.2020 which took no decision on the appeal. After filing an appeal, the PIO sent information to the appellant on 27.02.2020. On being not satisfied with the information, the appellant filed 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal in the Commission on 08.05.2020.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ferozepur. The appellant is absent and vide letter dated 30.11.2020 received in the Commission on 04.12.2020 has informed that the PIO has not provided the complete information.

The respondent present pleaded that the remaining information as pointed out by the appellant has been sent to the appellant vide letter No.3216 dated 07.12.2020.

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

Sd/-

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated:09.12.2020**

**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**



Sh. Vipin Grover,  
Fatehgarh Panjtoor,  
Moga.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o DC,  
Moga.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o DC,  
Moga.

..... Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1855 of 2020**

**PRESENT: None for the Appellant**

**Sh.Davinder Kumar, Clerk O/o DC Moga for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant through RTI application dated 24.02.2020 has sought information regarding name and address of the PIO who filed complaint No.08/RTI dated 04.01.2019 against the appellant during period of advertisement published in the newspaper regarding illegal loan waiver of the farmers and his present posting and other information from the office of DC Moga. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 14.03.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Moga. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 16.11.2020 with a copy to the Commission via email.

The appellant is absent nor has communicated any discrepancies. It is presumed that the appellant has received the information and is satisfied.

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

Sd/-

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated:09.12.2020**

**(Khushwant Singh)**  
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Sh.Yogesh Mahajan, S/o Sh.Kuldeep Raj  
Mahajan, Opposite Water Tank, Municipal  
Market, Mission Road,  
Pathankot.

...Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o XEN, Water Supply & Sanitation,  
Division-3, Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o SE, Water Supply & Sanitation Circle,  
Phase-2, Mohali

Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 846 of 2020**

**PRESENT: None for the Appellant**  
**Ms.Simran Kaur, APIO-O/o Water Supply & Sanitation Div.-3, Mohali**  
**for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant through RTI application dated 01.11.2019 has sought information regarding Grants received/utilized in the division from 01.10.2018 to 01.11.2019 in DeraBassi, Sub Division No.2, 10 & 11-SAS Nagar, - Work order book in all divisions – comparative statements of works and other information concerning the office of Xen, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No.3, SAS Nagar. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 27.11.2019 vide which the appellant was asked to deposit Rs.2640/- as requisite fee after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 27.12.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case was first heard on 06.10.2020 through video conferencing at DAC Mohali. The appellant was absent and vide email informed that PIO has not supplied the information despite having deposited the requisite fee of Rs.2640/- by him on 07.12.2019 as demand by the PIO vide letter dated 27.11.2019.

The respondent present pleaded that they have received the requisite fee and assured to provide the information within ten days.

The PIO was directed to supply the information to the appellant within 10 days of the receipt of this order and send a compliance report to the Commission.

**Hearing dated 09.12.2020:**

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at Mohali. The appellant is absent and vide letter dated 30.11.2020 received in the Commission on 04.12.2020 informed that the PIO has not provided the information.

The respondent present pleaded that in compliance with earlier order of the Commission, the information has been sent to the appellant on 04.12.2020.

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

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated:09.12.2020**

Sd/-  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
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Sh.Nasib Singh, S/o Sh.Sawan  
Singh, R/o Near Old Police Station,  
Sohana, Distt.Mohali

...Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o SDE,  
Water Supply & Sanitation  
Division-2, Phase-2, Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o SDE,  
Water Supply & Sanitation Division-2,  
Phase-2, Mohali.

....Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1279 of 2020**

**PRESENT: Sh.Nasib Singh along with his counsel Sh.VishalGautam for the**  
**Appellant Ms.Simran Kaur, APIO-WaterSupply&Sanitation Div.2 for**  
**the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant through RTI application dated 27.01.2020 has sought information regarding copy of rules/instructions for issue of water bill and other information concerning the office of SDE Water Supply and Sanitation Division No.2, Mohai. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 04.03.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

On the date of first hearing on 06.10.2020, the appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information.

The respondent present informed that as per practice, the water bill is issued bi-monthly but there is no such rule. The PIO was directed to provide a copy of noting/order/instructions that may suggest a methodology to generate water bills.

Regarding the point that whether there exist any instructions regarding the procedure to be followed while dispatching water bills, The PIO was directed to provide a guideline if it exists. Rest of the information sought was vague and were random queries.

**Hearing dated 09.12.2020:**

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Mohali. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 02.12.2020 with a copy to the Commission.

The appellant claims that the information has been supplied with a delay of more than ten months.

At the last hearing, it was observed that the information sought by the appellant was ambiguous and a lengthy discussion had followed. After the discussion, the crux of the RTI application was arrived at, after which the PIO was directed to provide all documents, subject to their availability, any instructions regarding the procedure to be followed while dispatching water bills. The information has been provided.

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

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated 09.12.2020**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

